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 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS TO LIMIT THE PATIENT POPULATION AT THE MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL IN WARM SPRINGS TO THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS PROVIDED FOR IN THE APPROPRIATION FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO RESTRICT VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS; PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET REQUEST; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Restriction on patient population at Warm Springs. (1) The department of institutions shall limit the number of admissions to the Montana state hospital in Warm Springs so as to maintain an average daily patient population that is not in excess of the number of patients provided for in the appropriation to the department for that fiscal year.

(2) If necessary, the department shall limit applicants for voluntary admission to the Montana state hospital at Warm Springs in accordance with such rules as it may adopt. The department shall refuse all applicants for voluntary admission if such action is necessary to comply

with the requirement set forth in subsection (1).

Section 2. Inclusion of patient population in department budget request. The director of the department of institutions shall submit, in his agency budget request for operation of the Montana state hospital at Warm Springs, a statement of the average daily number of patients that the department plans to serve at the requested funding level. This statement must be included as part of the information provided to the budget director under 17-7-111.

Section 3. Inclusion of patient population in budget recommendation. The executive budget submitted to the legislature must show the average daily patient population at the Montana state hospital in Warm Springs that can be provided services at the recommended funding level for the department of institutions.

Section 4. Legislature to include patient population in its appropriation. (1) In providing an appropriation to the department of institutions, the legislature shall set the average daily patient population at the Montana state hospital in Warm Springs for which funding is provided.

(2) The legislature may provide for pro rata reversion of funds appropriated for operation of the Montana state hospital at Warm Springs if the actual average daily population is less than the budgeted funding level.

Section 5. Extension of authority. Any existing

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1 authority of the department of institutions to make rules on
2 the subject of the provisions of this act is extended to the
3 provisions of this act.

4 Section 6. Effective date. Sections 1 and 5 and this
5 section are effective on July 1, 1985. The remaining
6 provisions of this act are effective on October 1, 1985.

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