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House BILL NO. 223

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF AGING IN THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION SERVICES AND TO SUPPORT THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN; AMENDING SECTION 52-3-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 52-3-504, MCA, is amended to read:

"52-3-504. Services to be provided. Subject to available funding, the department, in conjunction with other state, local, and private agencies and organizations, shall identify and may provide for older Montanans, in addition to existing services:

- (1) a directory of available services;
- (2) transportation that provides access to services;
- (3) housing, nutrition, education, homemaker, escort, respite, hospice, and other programs that facilitate self-care;
- (4) physical and mental health care, including inpatient and outpatient services, screening, appliances and supplies, and home health care;
- (5) placement in adult day care, foster care, personal care, supervisory care, and nursing homes;
- (6) protective advocacy and legal programs;
- (7) job training, job development, and income maintenance;
- (8) adult education; ~~and~~
- (9) training and research in aging; and
- (10) counseling and assistance with insurance information."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$450,000 in each of the fiscal years 1998 and 1999 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for the office of aging provided for in 2-15-231. The funds may be used for the following purposes:

- 1 (1) insurance information counseling and assistance, as set forth in 52-3-504;
- 2 (2) the salary, training, and travel expenses incurred by the long-term care ombudsman or a local
- 3 ombudsman provided for in 52-3-603; and
- 4 (3) other information services and assistance provided by the office of aging to older Montanans
- 5 as defined in 52-3-502.

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 1997.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act appropriating funds to the Department of Public Health and Human Services for use by the Office of Aging in the provision of information services and to support the long-term care ombudsman; amending section 52-3-504, MCA; and providing an effective date.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Public Health and Human Services, Senior and Long-Term Care Division Office on Aging has three programs:
 - a. Montana's Information, Referral and Assistance Program (IR&A) provides assistance to older individuals in the community who have social or economic need. This program is funded annually with \$30,000 federal funds, \$161,000 general fund, and \$50,000 local funds.
 - b. Information Counseling and Assistance Program (ICA) assists senior citizens in dealing with insurance issues and problems. This program is funded annually with \$132,000 federal funds.
 - c. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program serves as advocates for all residents of long-term care facilities by assisting residents in resolving their issues concerning health, safety, welfare, and rights. This program is funded annually with \$60,000 federal funds, \$9,000 general fund, and \$4,000 local funds.
2. There are 125 people throughout the state who provide the services in the three programs identified above; some are volunteers and some are part-time.
3. This bill would increase funding to the three programs identified in paragraph 1 by \$450,000 each year. The assumptions and table below illustrate how the appropriation would be expended.
4. Approximately \$28,000 would be programmed for training expenses related to the ICA counselors and printed materials for the program.
5. The remaining \$422,000 would be allocated to the Area Agencies on Aging in the form of grants to expand ombudsman and information referral and assistance services at the local level.
6. Approximately \$195,000 would be provided for the ombudsman program and \$227,000 would be programmed for the IR&A.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Printing/Supplies	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Training	14,500	14,500
Public Service Announcements	6,000	6,000
Grants	<u>422,000</u>	<u>422,000</u>
Total	\$450,000	\$450,000
 <u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$450,000	\$450,000
 <u>Net Impact on Fund Balance:</u> (Revenues minus expenditures)		
General Fund (01)	(450,000)	(450,000)

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