

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 384

Legislative Action:

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Senate: _____

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: House Business & Taxation Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO
2 MANDATE THAT HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS MUST PROVIDE TREATMENT
3 TO MEDICAID PATIENTS AND TO INCREASE THE STATE'S REIMBURSEMENT."

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2006 YMCA MONTANA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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7 **Section 1 Intent:** To insure that Medicaid patients receive the care they need and to
8 make this financially possible for hospitals and physicians.

9 **Section 2 Plan:** All hospitals and physicians must provide care to Medicaid patients
10 for which Medicaid covers them. To make this feasible, the state will increase the
11 reimbursement to hospitals and physicians to cover no less than their overhead, with a cap of
12 \$300,000,000. This pilot program will last until the next legislative session, when it is to be
13 reviewed.

14 **Section 3 Funding:** The money from the fines will go to the increase in
15 reimbursement (see Section 4). To pay for remaining costs, the tobacco tax will be increased
16 by 2%.

17 **Section 4 Enforcement:** If hospitals or physicians do not provide care for Medicaid
18 patients, they will be fined the dollar amount the care would have cost, on the first offence.
19 On the second offence, the fine will be twice the amount of care. The third offence, three
20 times as much and so on...

21 **Section 5 Enactment:** To be enacted at the end of the next fiscal year.