



AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED; DIRECTING THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO CORRECT ERRONEOUS REFERENCES CONTAINED IN MATERIAL ENACTED BY THE 67TH LEGISLATURE AND PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5-5-227, 10-4-107, 10-4-108, 13-2-221, 15-24-202, 20-3-336, 39-71-118, 40-1-203, 44-4-1501, 50-15-101, 69-3-308, 80-8-209, AND 90-9-502, MCA.

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

Section 1. Section 5-5-227, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-5-227. Revenue interim committee – powers and duties – revenue estimating and use of estimates. (1) The revenue interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the state tax appeal board established in 2-15-1015 and for the department of revenue and the entities attached to the department for administrative purposes, except the division of the department that administers the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code.

(2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.

(b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the legislature in which a revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of projected revenue. The revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session under 5-3-101.

(3) The committee's estimate, as introduced in the legislature, constitutes the legislature's current revenue estimate until amended or until final adoption of the estimate by both houses. It is intended that the legislature's estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates will be used by all agencies with responsibilities for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes.

(4) The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the committee. The committee may request the assistance of the staffs of the office of the legislative fiscal analyst, the legislative auditor, the department of revenue, and any other agency that has information regarding any of the tax or revenue bases of the state.

(5) The committee shall review tax credits ~~[scheduled to expire]~~ as provided in 15-30-2303."

Section 2. Section 10-4-107, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-4-107. Department duties and powers -- 9-1-1 planning. (1) There is a 9-1-1 program administered by the department.

(2) The department shall:

- (a) allocate and distribute 9-1-1 fees;
- (b) update the allocation and distribution of 9-1-1 fees in accordance with 10-4-305 and rules adopted pursuant to 10-4-108;
- (c) provide grants in accordance with 10-4-306. In awarding the grants, the department shall review and approve requests for funding in accordance with 10-4-306.
- (d) monitor the expenditure of program funds for:
 - (i) 9-1-1 purposes by local and tribal governments that host public safety answering points; and
 - (ii) allowable uses of grant funds by entities;
- (e) establish a statewide 9-1-1 plan in accordance with subsection (3) ~~[and planning completed in accordance with 10-4-315];~~
- (f) staff and fund the administrative costs of the 9-1-1 advisory council established in 10-4-105;
- (g) accept federal funds granted by congress or by executive order and gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of administering this chapter; and
- (h) establish allowable uses of funds by local and tribal governments that host public safety answering points that receive distributions pursuant to 10-4-305 and ensure that funds are expended only for allowable uses.

(3) A statewide 9-1-1 plan must include:

- (a) to the maximum extent feasible the use of existing commercial communications infrastructure; and

(b) 9-1-1 system standards and support efforts to migrate legacy technologies to next-generation 9-1-1 technologies when appropriate and to provide for the implementation of future 9-1-1 technologies. Any standards adopted by the department for legacy 9-1-1 technologies or principles adopted for baseline next-generation 9-1-1 technologies must be:

- (i) flexible and graduated, while ensuring minimum service levels; and
- (ii) based on industry standards.

(4) The department, in fulfilling its duties pursuant to subsection (2), may request necessary information from local and tribal governments. If a local or tribal government does not comply with the request, the department may withhold funding distributions as provided for in 10-4-109."

Section 3. Section 10-4-108, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-4-108. Rulemaking authority. (1) The department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this chapter. The rules must include but are not limited to:

- (a) distribution procedures for funding authorized in 10-4-305(1);
- (b) procedures for grant funding authorized in 10-4-306. The rules for grant funding must include but

are not limited to:

- (i) eligibility requirements for entities applying for grants;
- (ii) criteria for awarding grants; and
- (iii) reporting procedures for grant recipients.
- (c) postdisbursement activities by the department to monitor the use of funding by entities, including:
 - (i) reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) procedures for repayment of funds expended on activities determined not to meet eligibility

requirements.

(2) The department shall adopt rules including but not limited to:

(a) technology standards, based on industry standards and a statewide 9-1-1 plan ~~pursuant to 10-4-345~~, to ensure that public safety answering points meet minimum 9-1-1 services levels; and

(b) baseline next-generation 9-1-1 principles to facilitate the appropriate deployment of baseline next-generation 9-1-1.

(3) (a) Before January 1, 2022, the department shall adopt rules for the allocation and distribution of funds in the account provided for in 10-4-304(2)(a) in accordance with 10-4-305(2) and (3) to local and tribal government entities that host public safety answering points.

(b) The rules adopted for allocation must be based on the official final decennial census figures and must ensure that each local and tribal government entity that hosts a public safety answering point receives funding. The allocation must account for:

(i) historic allocations provided to a local or tribal government entity that hosts a public safety answering point;

(ii) the population of counties, cities, Indian reservations, or other government entities served by the public safety answering point;

(iii) population trends; and

(iv) other factors determined by the department, in consultation with the 9-1-1 advisory council provided for in 10-4-105, critical to the funding allocation.

(c) The department's allocation may not distribute funds in a manner that discourages public safety answering points from consolidating or combining.

(4) The department shall adopt rules in accordance with the Montana Administrative Procedure Act provided for in Title 2, chapter 4, to implement the provisions of this section."

Section 4. Section 13-2-221, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-2-221. Agency-based registration. (1) Qualified individuals must be given the opportunity to register to vote when applying for or receiving services or assistance:

(a) at an agency that provides public assistance;

(b) at or through an agency that provides state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities; or

(c) at another agency designated by the secretary of state with the consent of the agency.

(2) Agency-based registration sites must:

(a) distribute application for voter registration forms with each application for services or assistance;

and

(b) assist an applicant in completing an application for voter registration form unless the applicant refuses assistance.

(3) The completed application for voter registration form must be transmitted by the agency to the election administrator of the county of the elector's residence within the time period specified by ~~42 U.S.C. 1973gg, et seq~~ Title 52, chapter 205, U.S.C.

(4) As used in this section, "agency" means a state agency as defined in 2-4-102(2)(a) or an office of a city, county, consolidated city-county government, or town."

Section 5. Section 15-24-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-24-202. Payment of tax -- interest and penalty -- display of tax-paid sticker. (1) (a) The owner of a mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer that is not taxed as an improvement, as improvements are defined in 15-1-101, shall pay the personal property tax in two payments, except as provided in 10-1-606 or 15-24-206.

(b) The first payment is due on or before May 31 or within 30 days from the date of the notice of taxes due, whichever is later.

(c) The second payment is due no later than November 30 of the year in which the property is assessed.

(d) If not paid on or before the date due, the tax is considered delinquent and subject to the penalty and interest provisions in 15-16-102 applicable to other delinquent property taxes. The penalty must be assessed and interest begins to accrue on the first day of delinquency.

(2) Upon request, the treasurer shall notify a lienholder if taxes on a mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer have not been paid.

(3) Taxes assessed against a mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer after the second payment date must be prorated to reflect the remaining portion of the tax year. The prorated taxes must be added to the following year's tax roll and, except as provided in 15-24-206, are due with and must be collected with the first payment due in that year.

(4) The department shall issue tax-paid stickers to the county treasurers. A treasurer shall issue a tax-paid sticker to the owner of a mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer that is to be moved and on

which all taxes, interest, and penalties have been paid in full unless the exceptions in 15-24-206(3), 15-24-209, or 15-24-212 apply. Prior to and while in the process of moving the mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer, the owner shall display the tax-paid sticker, which must be visible from the exterior of the mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer.

(5) A mobile home, ~~or~~ manufactured home, or housetrailer movement declaration of destination provided for in 15-24-206 may not be issued unless:

- (a) the taxes have been paid in full to the county treasurer; or
- (b) the exceptions in 15-24-206(3), 15-24-209, or 15-24-212 apply.

(6) On the movement of a mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer in violation of this part, the county treasurer for the county where the mobile home, manufactured home, or housetrailer first comes to rest shall issue a written notice to the owner, showing the amount of delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, and interest due. In addition to the penalties provided in 15-16-102, 20% or \$50, whichever is greater, must be added to the delinquent taxes as penalty for violation of this part. On receipt of the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, and interest, the county treasurer shall forward all delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, and interest collected under 15-16-102 to the county treasurer for the county of origin. The county of destination shall retain the penalty."

Section 6. Section 20-3-336, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-3-336. Single-member trustee districts – legislative intent – minority defined. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to provide a board of trustees of a school district with the option to:

- (a) review the voting and population patterns of minorities of the school district, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, voting records, and other pertinent information; and
- (b) create single-member trustee districts within the school district:
 - (i) if the board determines that the present trustee selection process does not serve the best interests of the electors of the district or ensure that the access of minority populations to the political process is not diluted in contravention of federal law; or
 - (ii) pursuant to a petition as provided in 20-3-337.

(2) "Minority", as used in 20-3-337 and this section, means a minority whose rights are protected

under section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ~~(42 U.S.C. 197352 U.S.C. 10301)~~, as amended."

Section 7. Section 39-71-118, MCA, is amended to read:

"39-71-118. Employee, worker, volunteer, volunteer firefighter, and volunteer emergency care provider defined – election of coverage. (1) As used in this chapter, the term "employee" or "worker" means:

(a) each person in this state, including a contractor other than an independent contractor, who is in the service of an employer, as defined by 39-71-117, under any appointment or contract of hire, expressed or implied, oral or written. The terms include aliens and minors, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, and all of the elected and appointed paid public officers and officers and members of boards of directors of quasi-public or private corporations, except those officers identified in 39-71-401(2), while rendering actual service for the corporations for pay. Casual employees, as defined by 39-71-116, are included as employees if they are not otherwise covered by workers' compensation and if an employer has elected to be bound by the provisions of the compensation law for these casual employments, as provided in 39-71-401(2). Household or domestic employment is excluded.

(b) any juvenile who is performing work under authorization of a district court judge in a delinquency prevention or rehabilitation program;

(c) a person who is receiving on-the-job vocational rehabilitation training or other on-the-job training under a state or federal vocational training program, whether or not under an appointment or contract of hire with an employer, as defined in 39-71-117, and, except as provided in subsection ~~(9)~~ (7), whether or not receiving payment from a third party. However, this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to students enrolled in vocational training programs, as outlined in this subsection, while they are on the premises of a public school or community college.

(d) an aircrew member or other person who is employed as a volunteer under 67-2-105;

(e) a person, other than a juvenile as described in subsection (1)(b), who is performing community service for a nonprofit organization or association or for a federal, state, or local government entity under a court order, or an order from a hearings officer as a result of a probation or parole violation, whether or not under appointment or contract of hire with an employer, as defined in 39-71-117, and whether or not receiving payment from a third party. For a person covered by the definition in this subsection (1)(e):

- (i) compensation benefits must be limited to medical expenses pursuant to 39-71-704 and an impairment award pursuant to 39-71-703 that is based upon the minimum wage established under Title 39, chapter 3, part 4, for a full-time employee at the time of the injury; and
- (ii) premiums must be paid by the employer, as defined in 39-71-117(3), and must be based upon the minimum wage established under Title 39, chapter 3, part 4, for the number of hours of community service required under the order from the court or hearings officer.
- (f) an inmate working in a federally certified prison industries program authorized under 53-30-132;
- (g) a volunteer firefighter as described in 7-33-4109 or a person who provides ambulance services under Title 7, chapter 34, part 1;
- (h) a person placed at a public or private entity's worksite pursuant to 53-4-704. The person is considered an employee for workers' compensation purposes only. The department of public health and human services shall provide workers' compensation coverage for recipients of cash assistance, as defined in 53-4-201, or for participants in the food stamp program, as defined in 53-2-902, who are placed at public or private worksites through an endorsement to the department of public health and human services' workers' compensation policy naming the public or private worksite entities as named insureds under the policy. The endorsement may cover only the entity's public assistance participants and may be only for the duration of each participant's training while receiving cash assistance or while participating in the food stamp program under a written agreement between the department of public health and human services and each public or private entity. The department of public health and human services may not provide workers' compensation coverage for individuals who are covered for workers' compensation purposes by another state or federal employment training program. Premiums and benefits must be based upon the wage that a probationary employee is paid for work of a similar nature at the assigned worksite.
- (i) subject to subsection (11), a member of a religious corporation, religious organization, or religious trust while performing services for the religious corporation, religious organization, or religious trust, as described in 39-71-117(1)(d).
- (2) The terms defined in subsection (1) do not include a person who is:
 - (a) performing voluntary service at a recreational facility and who receives no compensation for those services other than meals, lodging, or the use of the recreational facilities;

(b) performing services as a volunteer, except for a person who is otherwise entitled to coverage under the laws of this state. As used in this subsection (2)(b), "volunteer" means a person who performs services on behalf of an employer, as defined in 39-71-117, but who does not receive wages as defined in 39-71-123.

(c) serving as a foster parent, licensed as a foster care provider in accordance with 52-2-621, and providing care without wage compensation to no more than six foster children in the provider's own residence. The person may receive reimbursement for providing room and board, obtaining training, respite care, leisure and recreational activities, and providing for other needs and activities arising in the provision of in-home foster care.

(d) performing temporary agricultural work for an employer if the person performing the work is otherwise exempt from the requirement to obtain workers' compensation coverage under 39-71-401(2)(r) with respect to a company that primarily performs agricultural work at a fixed business location or under 39-71-401(2)(d) and is not required to obtain an independent contractor's exemption certificate under 39-71-417 because the person does not regularly perform agricultural work away from the person's own fixed business location. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "agricultural" has the meaning provided in 15-1-101(1)(a).

(3) With the approval of the insurer, an employer may elect to include as an employee under the provisions of this chapter a volunteer as defined in subsection (2)(b) or a volunteer firefighter as defined in 7-33-4510.

(4) (a) If the employer is a partnership, limited liability partnership, sole proprietor, or a member-managed limited liability company, the employer may elect to include as an employee within the provisions of this chapter any member of the partnership or limited liability partnership, the owner of the sole proprietorship, or any member of the limited liability company devoting full time to the partnership, limited liability partnership, proprietorship, or limited liability company business.

(b) In the event of an election, the employer shall serve upon the employer's insurer written notice naming the partners, sole proprietor, or members to be covered and stating the level of compensation coverage desired by electing the amount of wages to be reported, subject to the limitations in subsection (4)(d). A partner, sole proprietor, or member is not considered an employee within this chapter until notice has been

given.

(c) A change in elected wages must be in writing and is effective at the start of the next quarter following notification.

(d) All weekly compensation benefits must be based on the amount of elected wages, subject to the minimum and maximum limitations of this subsection (4)(d). For premium ratemaking and for the determination of the weekly wage for weekly compensation benefits, the electing employer may elect an amount of not less than \$900 a month and not more than 1 1/2 times the state's average weekly wage.

(5) (a) If the employer is a quasi-public or a private corporation or a manager-managed limited liability company, the employer may elect to include as an employee within the provisions of this chapter any corporate officer or manager exempted under 39-71-401(2).

(b) In the event of an election, the employer shall serve upon the employer's insurer written notice naming the corporate officer or manager to be covered and stating the level of compensation coverage desired by electing the amount of wages to be reported, subject to the limitations in subsection (5)(d). A corporate officer or manager is not considered an employee within this chapter until notice has been given.

(c) A change in elected wages must be in writing and is effective at the start of the next quarter following notification.

(d) For the purposes of an election under this subsection (5), all weekly compensation benefits must be based on the amount of elected wages, subject to the minimum and maximum limitations of this subsection (5)(d). For premium ratemaking and for the determination of the weekly wage for weekly compensation benefits, the electing employer may elect an amount of not less than \$200 a week and not more than 1 1/2 times the state's average weekly wage.

(6) Except as provided in Title 39, chapter 8, an employee or worker in this state whose services are furnished by a person, association, contractor, firm, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or corporation, other than a temporary service contractor, to an employer, as defined in 39-71-117, is presumed to be under the control and employment of the employer. This presumption may be rebutted as provided in 39-71-117(3).

(7) A student currently enrolled in an elementary, secondary, or postsecondary educational institution who is participating in work-based learning activities and who is paid wages by the educational institution or

business partner is the employee of the entity that pays the student's wages for all purposes under this chapter. A student who is not paid wages by the business partner or the educational institution is a volunteer and is subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(8) For purposes of this section, an "employee or worker in this state" means:

(a) a resident of Montana who is employed by an employer and whose employment duties are primarily carried out or controlled within this state;

(b) a nonresident of Montana whose principal employment duties are conducted within this state on a regular basis for an employer;

(c) a nonresident employee of an employer from another state engaged in the construction industry, as defined in 39-71-116, within this state; or

(d) a nonresident of Montana who does not meet the requirements of subsection (8)(b) and whose employer elects coverage with an insurer that allows an election for an employer whose:

(i) nonresident employees are hired in Montana;

(ii) nonresident employees' wages are paid in Montana;

(iii) nonresident employees are supervised in Montana; and

(iv) business records are maintained in Montana.

(9) An insurer may require coverage for all nonresident employees of a Montana employer who do not meet the requirements of subsection (8)(b) or (8)(d) as a condition of approving the election under subsection (8)(d).

(10) (a) An ambulance service not otherwise covered by subsection (1)(g) or a paid or volunteer nontransporting medical unit, as defined in 50-6-302, in service to a town, city, or county may elect to include as an employee within the provisions of this chapter a volunteer emergency care provider who serves public safety through the ambulance service not otherwise covered by subsection (1)(g) or the paid or volunteer nontransporting medical unit. The ambulance service or nontransporting medical unit may purchase workers' compensation coverage from any entity authorized to provide workers' compensation coverage under plan No. 1, 2, or 3 as provided in this chapter.

(b) If there is an election under subsection (10)(a), the employer shall report payroll for all volunteer emergency care providers for premium and weekly benefit purposes based on the number of volunteer hours of

each emergency care provider, but no more than 60 hours, times the state's average weekly wage divided by 40 hours.

(c) An ambulance service not otherwise covered by subsection (1)(g) or a paid or volunteer nontransporting medical unit, as defined in 50-6-302, may make a separate election to provide benefits as described in this subsection (10) to a member who is either a self-employed sole proprietor or partner who has elected not to be covered under this chapter, but who is covered as a volunteer emergency care provider pursuant to subsection (10)(a). When injured in the course and scope of employment as a volunteer emergency care provider, a member may instead of the benefits described in subsection (10)(b) be eligible for benefits at an assumed wage of the minimum wage established under Title 39, chapter 3, part 4, for 2,080 hours a year. If the separate election is made as provided in this subsection (10), payroll information for those self-employed sole proprietors or partners must be reported and premiums must be assessed on the assumed weekly wage.

(d) A volunteer emergency care provider who receives workers' compensation coverage under this section may not receive disability benefits under Title 19, chapter 17, if the individual is also eligible as a volunteer firefighter.

(e) An ambulance service not otherwise covered by subsection (1)(g) or a nontransporting medical unit, as defined in 50-6-302, that does not elect to purchase workers' compensation coverage for its volunteer emergency care providers under the provisions of this section shall annually notify its volunteer emergency care providers that coverage is not provided.

(f) (i) The term "volunteer emergency care provider" means a person who is licensed by the board of medical examiners as provided in Title 50, chapter 6, part 2, and who serves the public through an ambulance service not otherwise covered by subsection (1)(g) or a paid or volunteer nontransporting medical unit, as defined in 50-6-302, in service to a town, city, or county.

(ii) The term does not include a volunteer emergency care provider who serves an employer as defined in 7-33-4510.

(g) The term "volunteer hours" means the time spent by a volunteer emergency care provider in the service of an employer or as a volunteer for a town, city, or county, including but not limited to training time, response time, and time spent at the employer's premises.

(11) The definition of "employee" or "worker" in subsection (1)(i) is limited to implementing the

administrative purposes of this chapter and may not be interpreted or construed to create an employment relationship in any other context."

Section 8. Section 40-1-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"40-1-203. Proof of age. Before a person authorized by law to issue marriage licenses may issue a marriage license, each applicant for a license shall provide a birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of age ~~[and, if the applicant is a minor, the approval required by 40-1-213]~~ and, if the applicant is a minor, the approval required by 40-1-213."

Section 9. Section 44-4-1501, MCA, is amended to read:

"44-4-1501. Human trafficking hotline -- creation of poster -- rulemaking. (1) (a) The department of justice shall create a poster that provides information regarding the national human trafficking resource center hotline. The poster must be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size, must include, if available, a quick response code that is provided by the national human trafficking resource center for access by mobile devices, and must include the following statement:

"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave--whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity--call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.

Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Montana law.

The toll-free hotline is:

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
- Toll-free;
- Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization;
- Anonymous and confidential;
- Accessible in 170 languages; and
- Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information."

(b) The statement provided in subsection (1)(a) must appear on each poster in English, Spanish, and any other language that is required for voting materials under the federal Voting Rights Act, ~~42 U.S.C. 1973aa-~~

~~4a~~ 52 U.S.C. 10503.

(2) (a) The department of justice shall provide a copy of the poster to persons and entities that the department of justice determines by rule should receive the poster.

(b) The department shall make a copy of the poster available for print on its website.

(3) The department of justice shall request that any person or entity receiving a copy of the poster display the poster in a location that is accessible to employees and members of the public. "

Section 10. Section 50-15-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"50-15-101. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, in parts 1 through 4, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means an individual who has been certified as an advanced practice registered nurse as provided in 37-8-202.

(2) "Authorized representative" means a person:

(a) designated by an individual, in a notarized written document, to have access to the individual's vital records;

(b) who has a general power of attorney for an individual; or

(c) appointed by a court to manage the personal or financial affairs of an individual.

(3) "Dead body" means a human body or parts of a human body from which it reasonably may be concluded that death occurred.

(4) "Department" means the department of public health and human services provided for in 2-15-2201.

(5) "Dissolution of marriage" means a marriage terminated pursuant to Title 40, chapter 4, part 1.

(6) "Fetal death" means death of the fetus prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother as a product of conception, notwithstanding the duration of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that after expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Heartbeats are distinguished from transient cardiac contractions. Respirations are distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps.

(7) "Final disposition" means the burial, interment, cremation, removal from the state, or other authorized disposition of a dead body or fetus.

(8) "Invalid marriage" means a marriage decreed by a district court to be invalid for the reasons contained in 40-1-402.

(9) "Live birth" means the complete expulsion or extraction from the mother as a product of conception, notwithstanding the duration of pregnancy. The birth is indicated by the fact that after expulsion or extraction, the child breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Heartbeats are distinguished from transient cardiac contractions. Respirations are distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps.

(10) "Local registrar" means a person appointed by the department to act as its agent in administering this chapter in the area set forth in the letter of appointment.

(11) "Person in charge of disposition of a dead body" means a person who places or causes a dead body or the ashes after cremation to be placed in a grave, vault, urn, or other receptacle or otherwise disposes of the body or fetus and who is a funeral director ~~[licensed under Title 37, chapter 19]~~, an employee acting for a funeral director, or a person who first assumes custody of a dead body or fetus.

(12) "Physician" means a person legally authorized to practice medicine in this state.

(13) "Registration" means the process by which vital records are completed, filed, and incorporated into the official records of the department.

(14) "Research" means a systematic investigation designed primarily to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

(15) (a) "Stillbirth" means a fetal death occurring after a minimum of 20 weeks of gestation.

(b) The term does not include an abortion, as defined in 50-20-104.

(16) "System of vital statistics" means the registration, collection, preservation, amendment, and certification of vital records. The term includes the collection of reports required by this chapter and related activities, including the tabulation, analysis, publication, and dissemination of vital statistics.

(17) "Vital records" means certificates or reports of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, and dissolution of marriage and related reports.

(18) "Vital statistics" means the data derived from certificates or reports of birth, death, fetal death,

induced termination of pregnancy, marriage, and dissolution of marriage and related reports."

Section 11. Section 69-3-308, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-308. Disclosure of taxes and fees paid by customers of public utility – automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees. (1) A public utility may separately disclose in a customer's bill the amount of state and local taxes and fees assessed against the public utility that the customer is paying.

(2) (a) (i) ~~Except as provided in 15-72-601,~~ Except as provided in 15-72-601, the commission shall allow a public utility to file rate schedules containing provisions for the automatic adjustment and tracking of Montana state and local taxes and fees, except state income tax, paid by the public utility. The resulting rate schedule changes must include:

(A) adjustments for the net change in federal and state income tax liability caused by the deductibility of state and local taxes and fees;

(B) retroactive tax adjustments; and

(C) adjustments related to the resolution of property taxes paid under protest.

(ii) The rate schedules must include provisions for annual rate adjustments, including both tax increases and decreases.

(b) The amended rates must automatically go into effect on January 1 following the date of change in taxes paid on an interim basis, subject to any adjustments determined in subsection (2)(c).

(c) The amended rate schedule must be filed with the commission on or before the effective date of the change in taxes paid, and if the commission determines that the revised rate schedule is in error, the commission may, within 45 days of receipt of the revised rate schedule, ask for comment and order the public utility to address any errors or omissions including, if necessary, any refunds due customers.

(d) Failure of the commission to issue an order pursuant to subsection (2)(c) is considered approval on the part of the commission.

(e) A public utility may challenge an order issued by the commission under subsection (2)(c) in accordance with the provisions of 69-3-401 through 69-3-405."

Section 12. Section 80-8-209, MCA, is amended to read:

"80-8-209. Farm applicators. (1) Farm applicators shall obtain a special-use permit prior to purchasing and using a pesticide designated by the department as a restricted-use pesticide. The fee for the permit is \$45. The special-use permit is effective for 5 calendar years. The department may establish a staggered years system of issuing permits. Revenue generated by the permit fee must be expended in the following manner:

- (a) \$15 to the department to administer the permitting program;
- (b) \$5 to the Montana state university-Bozeman extension service:
 - (i) to train extension service agents regarding farm pesticide applicator certification and training; and
 - (ii) to operate farm pesticide applicator certification and training programs; and
- (c) \$25 to the cooperative extension service for conducting farm pesticide applicator certification and training programs.

(2) Restricted pesticides may not be utilized by farm applicators or their employees except for the purpose of producing or protecting an agricultural commodity on property owned, leased, or rented by the applicator.

(3) Farm applicators shall qualify for their first permit by either passing a graded written examination or attending a training course approved by the department and then taking an ungraded written examination. The examinations and course must meet the minimum certification standards and procedures established by the environmental protection agency except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

(4) The department may require farm applicators to attend a mandatory training session and pass a written examination for those restricted pesticides that are extremely toxic or for which an effective antidote is not available. The department may require farm applicators handling these pesticides to maintain use records.

(5) The department shall require farm applicators to requalify for renewal of the 5-year permit by attending an approved training program. The department shall establish by rule a uniform system of administering the recertification training program. Online recertification training for farm applicators in order to fulfill all recertification requirements must be available to farm applicators. The department and the Montana state university-Bozeman extension service shall enter into a cooperative agreement to establish an online training program for farm applicators. The department may credit only training related to the standards set forth in subsection (4).

(6) Provisions of this chapter relating to certification of farm applicators do not apply to a farm applicator applying nonrestricted pesticides on the applicator's own land or on lands of neighbors if the farm applicator:

- (a) operates farm property and operates and maintains pesticide application equipment primarily for the applicator's own use;
- (b) is not regularly engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire and does not represent to the public that the farm applicator is a pesticide applicator;
- (c) operates pesticide application equipment only in the vicinity of the applicator's own property and for the accommodation of immediate neighbors.

(7) (a) The department shall assess an additional permit fee of \$15 on farm applicators to fund the waste pesticide and pesticide container collection, disposal, and recycling program.

(b) Farm applicators must be assessed the fee at the beginning of the next 5-year permit renewal period. The department may assess a prorated fee for a farm applicator becoming licensed within a 5-year permit renewal period.

(c) Fees collected under this subsection (7) must be deposited in the state special revenue account pursuant to 80-8-112.

~~(8) On or before September 1, 2020, the department shall provide the economic affairs interim committee with a report in accordance with 5-11-210 on recertification requirements and efforts to initiate online training."~~

Section 13. Section 90-9-502, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-9-502. (Temporary) Eligibility – amount of loan repayment assistance. (1) A farmer is qualified for loan repayment assistance if the farmer:

- (a) is a resident of Montana whose primary occupation is to operate a farm;
- (b) has graduated from a postsecondary institution as defined in 20-26-603 with an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree; and

~~[(c) has undertaken the primary occupation of operating a farm within the applicable time period specified in 90-9-103(8)(c);] and~~

~~(d)(c)~~ commits to operate the farm for at least 5 years after applying for loan repayment assistance pursuant to this part.

(2) A farmer who is qualified pursuant to subsection (1) is eligible for loan repayment assistance for up to a maximum of 5 years.

(3) The total amount of loan repayment assistance for an eligible qualified farmer may not exceed 50% of the total amount of educational loans outstanding on the application date for loan repayment assistance.

(4) A farmer who qualifies for and receives loan repayment assistance shall repay that assistance if the farmer ceases to operate the farm before the end of the 5-year commitment. (Terminates June 30, 2029-- sec. 16, Ch. 439, L. 2019.)"

Section 14. Directions to code commissioner. The code commissioner is directed to implement 1-11-101(2)(g)(ii) by correcting any clearly inaccurate references to other sections of the Montana Code Annotated contained in material enacted by the 67th legislature and previous legislatures.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 36, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

SENATE BILL NO. 36
INTRODUCED BY G. HERTZ
BY REQUEST OF THE CODE COMMISSIONER

AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED; DIRECTING THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO CORRECT ERRONEOUS REFERENCES CONTAINED IN MATERIAL ENACTED BY THE 67TH LEGISLATURE AND PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5-5-227, 10-4-107, 10-4-108, 13-2-221, 15-24-202, 20-3-336, 39-71-118, 40-1-203, 44-4-1501, 50-15-101, 69-3-308, 80-8-209, AND 90-9-502, MCA.