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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act appropriating grant funds to facilitate the provision of services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias; requiring a report; and providing an effective date."

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a growing public health crisis in Montana; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 there are 19,000 Montanans age 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease, and by the year 2025 there will be 27,000 Montanans living with Alzheimer's disease, an increase of 42%; and

WHEREAS, there are 49,000 family caregivers in Montana providing 55 million hours of unpaid care, valued at nearly \$679 million, for their loved ones living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid spending on individuals in Montana living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is estimated to be \$150 million in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in the United States, costing more than cancer and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, half of the individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias have not been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in Montana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation -- report.** (1) There is appropriated \$240,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, for the purpose of providing grant funding to one or more nonprofit entities to facilitate the provision of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services.

(2) A nonprofit entity receiving a grant under this section:

(a) shall work with the department of public health and human services to create a more effective Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services delivery system, identify gaps in services, reduce duplication and overlap of services, and elevate best practices for services;

(b) must be immediately prepared for and shall engage in statewide collaboration with state agencies and stakeholder groups to identify and implement effective and affordable solutions for the delivery of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services;

(c) shall identify and help secure additional sources of public and private funding to ensure the sustainability of regional and statewide collaborations; and

(d) no later than September 15, 2018, shall report to the

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children, families, health, and human services interim committee regarding the entity's activities related to its use of the grant funding as outlined in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c).

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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