

Proposed 2007 Session Legislation

Agency Name: Agency No:

Priority Number: Filename:

Short Title:

Agency Contact Person/Phone:

1. Purpose:
 Amend 10-1-Part 11 (National Guard Life Insurance Reimbursement) MCA, to provide funding through the 2011 biennium.

2. Background:
 The State of Montana currently reimburses MT National Guard members (MTNG) and Reservists (up to 16.25 per month for \$250 thousand of coverage) for Servicemember's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) insurance premiums paid while on military duty in support of contingency operations (ex. Iraqi Freedom). As of March of 2006, \$72,469.00 in SGLI premium reimbursements had been paid to qualifying MTNG members and Reservists. The funding for this program was only authorized through fiscal year 2007.

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type: *This impact should be as specific as possible.*
 Extension of this program funding will have minimal fiscal impact on the general fund. This prediction is based upon an increase in the federal death gratuity benefit, combined with a yet-to-be implemented federal allowance for partial SGLI coverage, which will likely trigger the contingent termination provisions of the reimbursement program (i.e., federally funded death gratuity and/or subsidized SGLI premiums worth a combined value of at least \$250k).

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

Housekeeping Only
 Federal Requirement
 Audit Recommendation (Audit No.)
 Major Legislation
 Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation
 Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)
 Supports Submitted EPP Item Number:
 Local Government Fiscal Impact
 Increases FTE, or
 Decreases FTE by

List FTE amount and program

Increases Existing Revenue
 Tax
 Fee
 Penalty [amount in #3]
 Decreases Existing Revenue
 Tax
 Fee
 Penalty [amount in #3]
 Establishes New Revenue
 Tax
 Fee
 Penalty [amount in #3]

Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no):

Legislation would affect other state agencies (list):

Special Interest Groups Affected (list):

Other: