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\*\*\*\* Bill No. \*\*\*\*

Introduced By \*\*\*\*\*

By Request of the \*\*\*\*\*

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias caregiver grant program; providing an appropriation; and providing an effective date."

WHEREAS, in 2015, there were 49,000 family caregivers of Montanans with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias who provided unpaid care at a value of \$679 million; and

WHEREAS, Montana ranks 49th in the nation for support of family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, 85% of family caregivers in Montana believe respite care would help them be better caregivers; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of trained respite caregivers.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Alzheimer's disease and related dementias caregiver grant program established.** (1) There is an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias caregiver grant program established within the department of public health and human services for the allocation of grant money for volunteer respite care training.

(2) Grants must be awarded on a competitive basis to organizations that train volunteers on caring for individuals

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with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in order to provide respite to the individuals' caregivers. A minimum of three grants must be awarded in a minimum of two different regions of the state each year.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$120,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and human services for each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, to fund the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias caregiver grant program established in [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. {standard} Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 52, chapter 3, and the provisions of Title 52, chapter 3, apply to [section 1].

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