

## HOUSE BILL NO. 618

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE UTILIZATION FEE FOR NURSING FACILITIES  
5 TO INCREASE NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT RATES; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING  
6 SECTIONS 15-60-102 AND 15-60-211, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 15-60-102, MCA, is amended to read:  
11 **"15-60-102. (Temporary) Utilization fee for bed days in nursing facilities.** (1) A nursing facility in the  
12 state shall pay to the department a utilization fee for each bed day in the facility in the following amounts:  
13 (a) in the amount of \$2.80, which must be applied to maintain the price-based average payment rate to  
14 nursing facilities at the fiscal year ~~2003~~ 2017 base amount;  
15 (b) in the amount of \$5.50 to be used to maintain the price-based average payment rate to nursing  
16 facilities at the fiscal year 2017 base amount as provided in 15-60-211;  
17 (b)(c) in fiscal year ~~2006~~ 2018, an additional amount of ~~\$4.25~~ \$1.20 to be used to increase the  
18 price-based average payment rate to nursing facilities above the fiscal year ~~2003~~ 2017 base as provided in  
19 15-60-211; and  
20 (c)(d) beginning ~~July 1, 2006~~ on and after July 1, 2018, an additional amount of ~~\$5.50~~ \$2.20 to be used  
21 to increase the price-based average payment rate to nursing facilities above the fiscal year ~~2003~~ 2017 base as  
22 provided in 15-60-211.  
23 (2) The fees collected must be deposited as follows:  
24 (a) the amounts collected as provided in subsection (1)(a), in the general fund; and  
25 (b) the amounts collected as provided in subsections (1)(b) ~~and (1)(c)~~ through (1)(d), in the account in  
26 the state special revenue fund as provided in 15-60-211.  
27 (3) A nursing facility may not place a fee created in this section on a patient's bill. (Void on occurrence  
28 of contingency--sec. 18, Ch. 746, L. 1991--see chapter compiler's comment.)"

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30 **Section 2.** Section 15-60-211, MCA, is amended to read:

