**** BILL NO. ****

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BY REQUEST OF THE ****

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER POSITIONS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated $X from the general fund to the department of military affairs for the biennium beginning July 1, 2027.

(2) The appropriation in subsection (1) is intended to fund three full-time equivalent positions of veterans service officers.

(3) The legislature intends that the appropriation in subsection (1) be considered part of the ongoing house bill 2 base for the next legislative session.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2027.

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Commented [RP1]: Per LFD, 3 VSO FTE would cost $260,000 (86K salary and benefits per FTE)

Per LFD, 3 Admin Assistant FTE would cost $180,000 (60K salary and benefits per FTE)

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