

ENROLLED ACT NO. 49, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to military affairs; providing appropriations to address mental health and substance abuse problems of military personnel and their families associated with participation in military conflicts as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1.

(a) There is appropriated seven hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$798,000.00) from the general fund to the department of health for the biennium beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The department of health shall use the funds appropriated under this section as follows:

(i) Four hundred forty thousand dollars (\$440,000.00) to contract with two (2) persons whose duties shall include the detection and identification of soldiers returning from active duty in military operations on or after September 11, 2001 and their families who may be in need of mental health or substance abuse treatment services. The contractors shall assist eligible persons identified as having potential or actual mental health or substance abuse problems to obtain assessments of and treatment for the mental health or substance abuse problems;

(ii) Sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000.00) to reimburse physicians who provide assessment screenings to soldiers and their families under paragraph (i) of this subsection and who are not otherwise paid for the screening tool used in the assessment. The funds under this paragraph shall be used only to pay for the screening tool

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used by the physician. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall be paid to the physicians providing the assessment screenings under a voucher system administered by the department;

(iii) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) to reimburse soldiers and their families under paragraph (i) of this subsection for travel, childcare and other expenses necessary to access mental health or substance abuse treatment resources, when the expenses are not otherwise reimbursed from another source. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall be paid to the soldier under a voucher system administered by the department;

(iv) Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to provide training to physicians and other health care providers on war related injuries and illnesses to ensure the use of best practices in Wyoming;

(v) The appropriations provided in paragraphs (i) through (iv) of this subsection shall not become part of the standard budget and shall be reduced to the extent that federal funding is received to pay for the services described in those paragraphs.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2008.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk