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HOUSE BILL NO. 969

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 484, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to attorney's fees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 484, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 484.135, to read as follows:

**484.135. 1. If an attorney in this state charges any fee for his or her service, twenty
2 percent of such fee shall be deposited into the attorney's fees financial support fund created
3 in subsection 2 of this section. Moneys deposited into such fund shall be used to provide
4 financial support for MO HealthNet recipients that file suit against the department of
5 social services and managed care companies for insufficient services.**

**6 2. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Attorney's Fees Financial
7 Support Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under subsection 1 of this section.
8 The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and
9 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund
10 and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of
11 this section.**

**12 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, to the contrary, any moneys
13 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
14 general revenue fund.**

**15 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other
16 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited
17 to the fund.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.