

HOUSE BILL NO. 221

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GRANTING MORE FLEXIBILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS IN LEASING THE MONTANA AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM OF THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS BY AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO LEASE THE FACILITY TO A QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION; AMENDING SECTION 23-1-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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Section 1. Section 23-1-109, MCA, is amended to read:

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"23-1-109. Establishment of Montana agricultural center and museum of the Northern Great

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Plains. There is a Montana agricultural center and museum of the Northern Great Plains located in Fort Benton. The department of fish, wildlife, and parks shall have jurisdiction, custody, and control of the center and museum, but ~~shall~~ may lease the facility to ~~the city of Fort Benton~~ a qualified local government entity or nonprofit corporation for so long as the ~~city of Fort Benton~~ local government entity or nonprofit corporation provides for development, operation, and maintenance of the center and museum without cost to the state of Montana."

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NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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