

1 SENATE BILL NO. 115

2 INTRODUCED BY MAHLUM

3 BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING AND REVISING THE STATUTORY APPROPRIATION,
6 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010, OF THE INTEREST
7 FROM \$140 MILLION OF THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND THAT IS DEPOSITED IN THE
8 GENERAL FUND FOR THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, FOR THE GROWTH THROUGH
9 AGRICULTURE PROGRAM, FOR A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, FOR A SMALL BUSINESS
10 INNOVATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM, FOR CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES, FOR A MANUFACTURING
11 EXTENSION CENTER, AND FOR EXPORT TRADE ENHANCEMENT, AND FOR RESEARCH AND
12 COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108 AND 17-7-502, MCA, AND SECTION
13 10, CHAPTER 10, SPECIAL LAWS OF MAY 2000; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND A
14 TERMINATION DATE."

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

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18 **Section 1.** Section 15-35-108, MCA, is amended to read:

19 **"15-35-108. (Temporary) Disposal of severance taxes.** Severance taxes collected under this chapter
20 must, in accordance with the provisions of 15-1-501, be allocated as follows:

21 (1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article
22 IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under
23 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

24 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the amount of 10% and for fiscal years beginning on or
25 after July 1, 2003, the amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the long-range building
26 program account established in 17-7-205.

27 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the amount of 6.01% and for fiscal years beginning on or
28 after July 1, 2003, the amount of 7.75% must be credited to an account in the state special revenue fund to be
29 allocated by the legislature for local impacts, provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties
30 through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking,

1 conservation districts, and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act. Expenditures of the allocation may be
2 made only from this account. Money may not be transferred from this account to another account other than the
3 general fund. Any unreserved fund balance at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund.

4 (4) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, the amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a
5 permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund
6 account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development,
7 operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.

8 (5) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable
9 resource loan debt service fund.

10 (6) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, the amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust
11 fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.
12 Income from this trust fund, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works
13 of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.

14 (7) (a) Subject to subsections (7)(b) and (7)(c), all other revenue from severance taxes collected under
15 the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state.

16 (b) The interest income from \$140 million of the coal severance tax permanent fund that is deposited
17 in the general fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, on an annual basis as follows:

18 (i) \$65,000 to the cooperative development center;

19 (ii) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, \$1.25 million, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,
20 \$925,000, and for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, \$1.25 million for the growth through agriculture
21 program provided for in Title 90, chapter 9;

22 (iii) to the department of commerce:

23 (A) \$125,000 for a small business development center;

24 (B) \$50,000 for a small business innovative research program;

25 (C) except for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, \$425,000 for certified communities;

26 (D) \$200,000 for the Montana manufacturing extension center at Montana state university-Bozeman;

27 and

28 (E) \$300,000 for export trade enhancement;

29 (iv) \$175,000 to the office of economic development for business recruitment and retention; and

30 (v) \$600,000 to the department of administration for the purpose of reimbursing tax increment financing

1 industrial districts as provided in 7-15-4299. Reimbursement must be made to qualified districts on a proportional
2 basis to the loss of taxable value as a result of Chapter 285, Laws of 1999, and as documented by the
3 department of revenue. This documentation must be provided to the budget director and to the legislative fiscal
4 analyst. The reimbursement may not be used to pay debt service on tax increment bonds to the extent that the
5 bonds are secured by a guaranty, a letter of credit, or a similar arrangement provided by or on behalf of an owner
6 of property within the district.

7 (c) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, there is transferred from the interest income referred to
8 in subsection (7)(b) \$4.85 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account created
9 in 90-3-1002. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, there is transferred from the interest income referred
10 to in subsection (7)(b) \$3.165 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account
11 created in 90-3-1002. Beginning July 1, 2003, there is transferred annually from the interest income referred to
12 in subsection (7)(b) \$3.65 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account created
13 in 90-3-1002. (Terminates June 30, 2005--sec. 10(2), Ch. 10, Sp. L. May 2000; sec. 8(1), Ch. 12, Sp. L. August
14 2002.)

15 **15-35-108. (Effective July 1, 2005) Disposal of severance taxes.** Severance taxes collected under
16 this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 15-1-501, be allocated as follows:

17 (1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article
18 IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under
19 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

20 (2) Twelve percent of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the long-range building program
21 account established in 17-7-205.

22 (3) The amount of 7.75% must be credited to an account in the state special revenue fund to be
23 allocated by the legislature for local impacts, provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties
24 through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking,
25 conservation districts, and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act. Expenditures of the allocation may be
26 made only from this account. Money may not be transferred from this account to another account other than the
27 general fund. Any unreserved fund balance at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund.

28 (4) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks
29 acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses,
30 must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas

1 described in 23-1-102.

2 (5) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable
3 resource loan debt service fund.

4 (6) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art
5 in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding
6 unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other
7 cultural and aesthetic projects.

8 (7) ~~(a) Subject to subsection (7)(b) SUBSECTIONS (7)(B) AND (7)(C) SUBSECTION (7)(B), all~~ other revenue
9 from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the
10 state.

11 ~~(b) The interest income from \$140 million of the coal severance tax permanent fund that is deposited~~
12 ~~in the general fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the department of commerce on an~~
13 ~~annual basis as follows:~~

14 ~~(i) \$65,000 TO THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER;~~

15 ~~(ii) \$1.25 MILLION FOR THE GROWTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 90, CHAPTER~~
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17 ~~(iii) \$3.65 MILLION TO THE RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT CREATED~~
18 ~~IN 90-3-1002;~~

19 ~~(iv)(IV) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:~~

20 ~~(i)(A) \$125,000 for a small business development center;~~

21 ~~(ii)(B) \$50,000 for a small business innovative research program;~~

22 ~~(iii)(C) \$400,000 \$425,000 for certified communities;~~

23 ~~(iv)(D) \$200,000 for the Montana manufacturing extension center at Montana state university-Bozeman;~~

24 ~~and~~

25 ~~(v)(E) \$175,000 \$300,000 for export trade enhancement."~~

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27 **Section 2.** Section 17-7-502, MCA, is amended to read:

28 **"17-7-502. Statutory appropriations -- definition -- requisites for validity.** (1) A statutory
29 appropriation is an appropriation made by permanent law that authorizes spending by a state agency without
30 the need for a biennial legislative appropriation or budget amendment.

1 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), to be effective, a statutory appropriation must comply with both
2 of the following provisions:

3 (a) The law containing the statutory authority must be listed in subsection (3).

4 (b) The law or portion of the law making a statutory appropriation must specifically state that a statutory
5 appropriation is made as provided in this section.

6 (3) The following laws are the only laws containing statutory appropriations: 2-15-151; 2-17-105;
7 5-13-403; 10-3-203; 10-3-310; 10-3-312; 10-3-314; 10-4-301; 15-1-111; 15-1-113; 15-1-121; 15-23-706;
8 15-35-108; 15-36-324; 15-37-117; 15-38-202; 15-65-121; 15-70-101; 17-3-106; 17-3-212; 17-3-222; 17-3-241;
9 17-6-101; 17-7-304; 18-11-112; 19-3-319; 19-9-702; 19-13-604; 19-17-301; 19-18-512; 19-19-305; 19-19-506;
10 19-20-604; 20-8-107; 20-9-534; 20-9-622; 20-26-1503; 22-3-1004; 23-5-306; 23-5-409; 23-5-612; 23-5-631;
11 23-7-301; 23-7-402; 37-43-204; 37-51-501; 39-71-503; 42-2-105; 44-12-206; 44-13-102; 50-4-623; 53-6-703;
12 53-24-206; 75-1-1101; 75-5-1108; 75-6-214; 75-11-313; 80-2-222; 80-4-416; 80-5-510; 80-11-518; 82-11-161;
13 87-1-513; 90-3-1003; ~~90-6-710~~; and 90-9-306.

14 (4) There is a statutory appropriation to pay the principal, interest, premiums, and costs of issuing,
15 paying, and securing all bonds, notes, or other obligations, as due, that have been authorized and issued
16 pursuant to the laws of Montana. Agencies that have entered into agreements authorized by the laws of Montana
17 to pay the state treasurer, for deposit in accordance with 17-2-101 through 17-2-107, as determined by the state
18 treasurer, an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest as due on the bonds or notes have statutory
19 appropriation authority for the payments. (In subsection (3): pursuant to Ch. 422, L. 1997, the inclusion of
20 15-1-111 terminates on July 1, 2008, which is the date that section is repealed; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 360,
21 L. 1999, the inclusion of 19-20-604 terminates when the amortization period for the teachers' retirement system's
22 unfunded liability is 10 years or less; pursuant to sec. 4, Ch. 497, L. 1999, the inclusion of 15-38-202 terminates
23 July 1, 2014; pursuant to sec. 10(2), Ch. 10, Sp. L. May 2000, the inclusion of 15-35-108 and 90-6-710
24 terminates June 30, 2005; pursuant to sec. 17, Ch. 414, L. 2001, the inclusion of 2-15-151 terminates December
25 31, 2006; and pursuant to sec. 2, Ch. 594, L. 2001, the inclusion of 17-3-241 becomes effective July 1, 2003.)"

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27 **Section 3.** Section 10, Chapter 10, Special Laws of May 2000, is amended to read:

28 **"Section 10. Termination.** (1) [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2001.

29 (2) ~~[Sections 2 through 4]~~ [Sections 2 and 4] terminate June 30, 2005.

30 (3) [Section 3] terminates June 30, 2010."

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Coordination instruction.** If House Bill No. 76 is passed and approved
3 and if it includes provisions eliminating the certified communities program, the code commissioner is instructed
4 to substitute "certified regional development corporations" for "certified communities" where it appears in [this
5 act], unless the context requires otherwise.

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Termination.** [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2010.

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