

SENATE BILL NO. 244

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A ~~SHAREHOLDER, FAMILY MEMBER OF A~~
5 ~~SHAREHOLDER, CONTRACT HOLDER~~ OR EMPLOYEE OF A WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION THAT PAYS
6 ~~OPERATION OR~~ MAINTENANCE COSTS ON A STATE-OWNED RESERVOIR MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO
7 PURCHASE A DAY-USE PERMIT TO ACCESS THAT RESERVOIR; REQUIRING THE ASSOCIATION TO
8 ISSUE ANNUAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS CONTRACT HOLDERS AND
9 EMPLOYEES OF WATER USERS' ASSOCIATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING
10 AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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14 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Identification of association ~~shareholders, family members,~~ CONTRACT
15 HOLDERS and employees for free reservoir access. A water users' association THAT CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE
16 AS PROVIDED IN 23-1-105(6) is responsible for issuing annual identification cards to its ~~shareholders,~~
17 ~~shareholders' family members,~~ CONTRACT HOLDERS and employees in order to facilitate the identification by
18 department of fish, wildlife, and parks enforcement personnel of persons who are eligible for free reservoir day
19 use pursuant to 23-1-105(6). THE IDENTIFICATION CARD MUST BE ISSUED TO THE CONTRACT HOLDER OR EMPLOYEE
20 OF THE WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER ENTITY.

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22 **Section 2.** Section 23-1-105, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"23-1-105. Fees and charges.** (1) The department may levy and collect reasonable fees or other
24 charges for the use of privileges and conveniences that may be provided and to grant concessions that it
25 considers advisable, except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections (2) and (6). All money derived from the
26 activities of the department, except as provided in subsection (5), must be deposited in the state treasury in a
27 state special revenue fund to the credit of the department.

28 (2) Overnight camping fees established by the department under subsection (1) must be discounted
29 50% for a campsite rented by a person who is a resident of Montana, as defined in 87-2-102, and either 62 years
30 of age or older or certified as disabled in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

1 (3) For a violation of any fee collection rule involving a vehicle, the registered owner of the vehicle at
 2 the time of the violation is personally responsible if an adult is not in the vehicle at the time the violation is
 3 discovered by an authorized officer. A defense that the vehicle was driven into the fee area by another person
 4 is not allowable unless it is shown that at that time, the vehicle was being used without the consent of the
 5 registered owner.

6 (4) Money received from the collection of fees and charges is not subject to the deposit requirements
 7 of 17-6-105. The department shall deposit money collected under this section within a reasonable time after
 8 receipt.

9 (5) There is a fund of the enterprise fund type, as defined in 17-2-102(1)(b)(i), for the purpose of
 10 managing state park visitor services revenue. The fund is to be used by the department to serve the recreating
 11 public by providing for the obtaining of inventory through purchase, production, or donation and for the sale of
 12 educational, commemorative, and interpretive merchandise and other related goods and services at department
 13 sites and facilities. The fund consists of money from the sale of educational, commemorative, and interpretive
 14 merchandise and other related goods and services and from donations. Gross revenue from the sale of
 15 educational, commemorative, and interpretive merchandise and other related goods and services must be
 16 deposited in the fund. All interest and earnings on money deposited in the fund must be credited to the fund for
 17 use as provided in this subsection.

18 (6) A shareholder, family member of a shareholder, CONTRACT HOLDER or employee of a water users'
 19 association regulated pursuant to Title 85, chapter 6, that is paying OPERATION OR maintenance costs on a
 20 state-owned reservoir may not be required to purchase any day-use permit to access the reservoir for which
 21 OPERATION OR maintenance costs are paid by the association IF THE CONTRACT HOLDER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE
 22 WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS AN IDENTIFICATION CARD AS PROVIDED IN [SECTION 1]. A water users' association
 23 shareholder, shareholder's family member, CONTRACT HOLDER or employee who wishes to access the reservoir
 24 for purposes other than day use is required to pay any applicable fees. The water users' association is
 25 responsible for issuing annual identification cards pursuant to [section 1]."

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 27 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
 28 integral part of Title 85, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 85, chapter 6, part 1, apply to [section 1].
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30 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. COORDINATION INSTRUCTION. IF SENATE BILL NO. 336 AND [THIS ACT] ARE BOTH

1 PASSED AND APPROVED, THEN [THIS ACT] IS VOID.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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