



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SAND AND GRAVEL DEPOSIT PROGRAM WITHIN THE MONTANA BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY; ALLOWING THE MONTANA BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY TO ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND REIMBURSEMENTS; REQUIRING PRESENTATIONS OF FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Sand and gravel deposit program -- investigation -- purpose -- prioritization.** (1) The Montana bureau of mines and geology shall establish a sand and gravel deposit program for the purpose of investigating sand and gravel deposits in areas of the state where conflicts between development and sand and gravel operations are high.

(2) In prioritizing areas for investigation, the bureau of mines and geology shall consider the largest counties, according to the most recent census data, and counties with the most opencut mining permits and subdivision applications, according to the department of environmental quality.

(3) The bureau of mines and geology may start an investigation when it has sufficient funds to conduct an investigation.

(4) Within 1 year of starting an investigation, the bureau of mines and geology shall present the results of the investigation in the form of maps and text to:

- (a) the counties included in the investigation;
- (b) the education and local government interim committee; and
- (c) the environmental quality council.

**Section 2. Authority to accept gifts, grants, and reimbursements.** The Montana bureau of mines and geology may accept gifts, grants, and reimbursements to be used for the purposes of [section 1].

**Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part

of Title 82, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 82, chapter 2, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

**Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 0297, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

SENATE BILL NO. 297  
INTRODUCED BY C. LARSEN

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