

## SENATE BILL NO. 281

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY  
5 A TAX, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN A HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR A  
6 COUNTY HEALTH CARE FACILITY; AMENDING SECTION 7-6-2512, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
7 EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 7-6-2512, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"7-6-2512. County tax levy for health care facilities.** (1) Subject to 15-10-420, the board of county  
13 commissioners may, annually ~~at the time of levying county taxes, fix and~~ levy a tax ~~upon all~~ on the taxable  
14 property ~~within~~ of the county to erect, furnish, equip, expand, improve, maintain, and operate county-owned or  
15 county-operated health care facilities created under 7-8-2102, 7-34-2201, and 7-34-2502. ~~"Health care facilities"~~  
16 ~~as used in this section has the meaning as defined in 7-34-2201. If a hospital district is created under Title 7,~~  
17 ~~chapter 34, part 21~~ Except as provided in subsection (2), the mill levy authorized by this section may not be  
18 imposed on property within that a hospital district created under Title 7, chapter 34, part 21.

19 (2) The mill levy authorized by this section may be imposed on the property within a hospital district  
20 created under Title 7, chapter 34, part 21, if the services provided in the hospital district are primarily outpatient  
21 care services or the district does not provide services as:

22 (a) an assisted living facility as defined in 50-5-101;

23 (b) a long-term care facility as defined in 50-5-101; or

24 (c) a rehabilitation facility as defined in 50-5-101.

25 (3) If a county issues bonds under 7-34-2411 to finance or refinance the costs of a health care facility,  
26 the board of county commissioners may enter into a covenant to levy the tax authorized by this section during  
27 the term of the bonds, to the extent necessary, ~~and to apply the collections of the tax to~~ Taxes collected may be  
28 used for the costs of erecting, furnishing, equipping, expanding, improving, maintaining, and operating the health  
29 care facility or facilities of the county or the payment of principal of or interest on the bonds. The ~~pledge of the~~  
30 ~~taxes to the payment of the bonds may not cause the bonds to be~~ issuance of bonds under this section is not

1 considered indebtedness of the county for the purpose of ~~any statutory limitation~~ debt limitations or ~~restriction~~  
2 restrictions. The ~~pledge issuance of bonds~~ may be made by the board only upon ~~authorization~~ approval of a  
3 majority of the electors of the county voting on the ~~pledge~~ question at a general or special election as provided  
4 in 7-34-2414.

5 (4) As used in this section, "health care facility" has the meaning provided in 7-34-2201."

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7 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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9 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to mill levies imposed on or after [the  
10 effective date of this act].

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