

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 225

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING A QUALIFIED EXEMPTION FROM THE  
5 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMPLIANCE LAWS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS  
6 WHEN THE DEPARTMENT ACTS AS A SNOWMOBILE AREA OPERATOR OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT  
7 PROVIDES FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO A LOCAL SNOWMOBILE CLUB; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
8 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Environmental review compliance -- exemption.** (1) Except as provided  
13 in subsection (2), the department of fish, wildlife, and parks shall comply with the provisions of Title 75, chapter  
14 1, parts 1 and 2, when:

15 (a) acting as a snowmobile area operator pursuant to 23-2-652 through 23-2-655; or

16 (b) awarding a grant or other funding assistance to an individual snowmobile club.

17 (2) The department of fish, wildlife, and parks is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts  
18 1 and 2, when taking actions as a snowmobile area operator pursuant to 23-2-652 through 23-2-655 or when  
19 awarding a grant or other funding assistance to an individual snowmobile club if either or both actions have been  
20 previously subject to environmental review under Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2.

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
23 integral part of Title 23, chapter 2, part 6, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 2, part 6, apply to [section 1].

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

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