

HOUSE BILL NO. 225

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

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

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

- (a) acting as a snowmobile area operator pursuant to 23-2-652 through 23-2-655; or
- (b) awarding a grant or other funding assistance to ~~an individual~~ A snowmobile club AREA OPERATOR.

(2) The department of fish, wildlife, and parks is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when taking actions as a snowmobile area operator pursuant to 23-2-652 through 23-2-655 or when awarding a grant or other funding assistance to ~~an individual~~ A snowmobile club AREA OPERATOR if ~~either or both actions have~~ THE ACTION OR AWARD HAS been previously subject to environmental review under Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, AND THERE IS NO PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ACTION OR THE USE OF THE AWARD.

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

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

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