

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE NOXIOUS WEED SEED FREE
5 FORAGE PROGRAM AND THE NOXIOUS WEED EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM;
6 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 WHEREAS, all of the work performed by the Montana Department of Agriculture to assist and aid
9 counties in noxious weed control efforts is vital; and

10 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 144, as amended, proposing changes to Title 80, chapter 7, part 8, MCA,
11 contains provisions regarding funding for the control of noxious weeds that could result in serious reductions in
12 the staffing and services the Montana Department of Agriculture is able to provide for controlling noxious weeds.

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

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16 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the department of agriculture from
17 the general fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013:

- 18 (1) \$181,708 for the noxious weed seed free forage program; and
- 19 (2) \$186,132 for the noxious weed education campaign.

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21 COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 2. Coordination instruction.** If House Bill No. 2 is passed and
22 approved and if it appropriates money to the department of agriculture for the specific purposes of funding the
23 noxious weed seed free forage program and the noxious weed education campaign in amounts that are equal
24 to or greater than the amounts provided in [section 1 of this act], then [this act] is void.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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