



AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS OF A NATURAL CONDITION OF A STREAM; AND AMENDING SECTION 75-5-306, MCA.

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

**Section 1.** Section 75-5-306, MCA, is amended to read:

**"75-5-306. Purer than natural unnecessary -- dams -- definition.** (1) It is not necessary that wastes be treated to a purer condition than the natural condition of the receiving stream as long as the minimum treatment requirements established under this chapter are met.

~~(2)~~(2) "Natural" refers to:

(a) ~~conditions~~ conditions or material present from runoff or percolation over which humans have no control or;

(b) conditions or material present from developed land where all reasonable land, soil, and water conservation practices have been applied;

(c) conditions shown to exist as a result of nonanthropogenic sources; or ~~Conditions~~

(d) conditions resulting from the reasonable operation of dams on July 1, 1971, ~~are natural.~~"

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 0160, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

SENATE BILL NO. 160  
INTRODUCED BY D. ANKNEY

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