

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING A CERTAIN LIVESTOCK INSPECTION FEE AND A
5 TRANSPORTATION PERMIT FEE; AMENDING SECTION 81-3-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
6 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 81-3-205, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"81-3-205. Fees for inspection and livestock transportation permits.** (1) ~~For~~ Except as provided in
12 subsection (5), for the service of inspection of all livestock except horses, mules, or asses before removal from
13 a county or before change of ownership, the inspector making the inspections must receive a fee established
14 by the department for each head inspected. ~~For~~ Except as provided in subsection (5), for the issuance of a
15 market consignment permit or transportation permit, other than a permanent permit, before removal from a
16 county for all livestock, the inspector issuing the permits must receive a fee established by the department for
17 each permit issued and must receive in addition the inspector's necessary actual expenses, to be paid by the
18 owner or the person for whom the inspection is made or permit issued. For the issuance of a permanent horse
19 transportation permit, the state stock inspector taking the application for permit shall receive a fee established
20 by the department for each permit issued. All inspection and permit fees and expenses must be collected by the
21 inspector at the time of inspection or issuance of permit, all the fees and expenses collected by a deputy state
22 stock inspector must be retained by the deputy, and all fees and expenses collected by a state stock inspector
23 must be sent by the inspector to the department for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the state special
24 revenue fund for the use of the department.

25 (2) For the service of inspection before any livestock except a horse, mule, or ass is sold or offered
26 for sale at a licensed livestock market or slaughtered at a licensed slaughterhouse, a state stock inspector or
27 deputy state stock inspector making the inspection must receive a fee established by the department for each
28 head inspected. All fees must be paid by the owner or by the person for whom the inspection is made. For

1 releasing an animal so that it may be removed from the premises of a licensed livestock market, the state stock
 2 inspector making the release must receive a fee established by the department for each head inspected from
 3 the owner or the person for whom the release is made. All fees for inspection and release at the market must
 4 be collected at the time the inspection or release is made by the state stock inspector making the inspection or
 5 release and must be sent by the inspector to the department for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the
 6 state special revenue fund for the use of the department. All fees for preslaughter inspection made at a licensed
 7 slaughterhouse by the state stock inspector must be paid to the department for deposit in the state treasury to
 8 the credit of the state special revenue fund for the use of the department. Preslaughter inspection fees paid to a
 9 deputy state stock inspector must be retained by the deputy.

10 (3) (a) For the service of inspection of horses, mules, or asses before removal from a county or
 11 before change of ownership, the inspector making the inspection must receive a fee established by the
 12 department for each head inspected and must receive in addition the inspector's necessary actual expenses, to
 13 be paid by the owner or the person for whom the inspection is made. All fees and expenses collected by a state
 14 stock inspector must be sent by the inspector to the department for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of
 15 the state special revenue fund for the use of the department.

16 (b) For the service of inspection before a horse, mule, or ass is sold or offered for sale at a licensed
 17 livestock market, a state stock inspector making the inspection must receive a fee established by the
 18 department for each head inspected. All fees must be paid by the owner or the person for whom the inspection
 19 is made to the state stock inspector.

20 (4) All inspection and release fees and expenses must be paid to the department for deposit in the
 21 state treasury to the credit of the state special revenue fund for the use of the department unless paid to a
 22 deputy state stock inspector. State stock inspectors must be paid for their services and receive their expenses
 23 as fixed by the department.

24 (5) For all livestock except horses, mules, and asses:

25 (a) before the removal to pasture in a nonadjacent county, inspection of each head is not required. A
 26 state stock inspector may issue a transportation permit for a fee established by the department based on a
 27 range of the number of animals. The state stock inspector issuing this permit must receive a fee based on this
 28 range in addition to the inspector's necessary expenses.

1 **(b) before the return from pasture in a nonadjacent county, the state stock inspector or deputy stock**
2 **inspector making the inspection must receive a fee of \$1 a head for livestock returning from pasture in addition**
3 **to the inspector's necessary actual expenses; and**

4 **(c) the removal to and return from pasture in a nonadjacent county must be completed within a 6-**
5 **month period."**

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

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