

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION  
5 ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT PORT AUTHORITIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;  
6 AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-1111 AND 80-11-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Agricultural transportation enhancement account.** (1) There is an  
11 agricultural transportation enhancement account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

12 (2) Any state funds distributed by the department of agriculture must be matched at a rate of 1 to 1,  
13 with \$1 in state funds to \$1 in local funds.

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15 **Section 2.** Section 7-14-1111, MCA, is amended to read:

16 **"7-14-1111. General powers of authority.** An authority has all the powers necessary or convenient  
17 to carry out the purposes of this part, including but not limited to the power to:

18 (1) subject to 15-10-420, request annually the amount of tax to be levied by the governing body for  
19 port purposes, which request the governing body may in its discretion approve for port purposes;

20 (2) sue and be sued, have a seal, and have perpetual succession;

21 (3) execute contracts and other instruments and take other action that may be necessary or  
22 convenient to carry out the purposes of this part;

23 (4) plan, establish, acquire, develop, construct, purchase, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate,  
24 regulate, and protect transportation, storage, or other facilities. For these purposes an authority may, by  
25 purchase, gift, devise, lease, or otherwise, acquire real or personal property or any interest in property,  
26 including easements.

27 (5) establish comprehensive port zoning regulations in accordance with the laws of this state;

28 (6) acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or otherwise, existing transportation, storage, or other

1 facilities that may be necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this part. However, an authority may  
2 not acquire or take over any transportation, storage, or other facility owned or controlled by another authority,  
3 county, municipality, or public agency without the consent of the authority, county, municipality, or public  
4 agency.

5 (7) provide financial and other support to organizations in its jurisdiction, including corporations  
6 organized under the provisions of the development corporation act in Title 32, chapter 4, whose purpose is to  
7 promote, stimulate, develop, and advance the general welfare, economic development, and prosperity of its  
8 jurisdiction and of the state and its citizens by stimulating, assisting in, and supporting the growth of all kinds of  
9 economic activity, including the creation, expansion, modernization, retention, and relocation of new and  
10 existing businesses and industry in the state, all of which will tend to promote business development, maintain  
11 the economic stability and prosperity of the state, and thus provide maximum opportunities for employment and  
12 improvement in the standards of living of citizens of the state-; and

13 (8) receive grants pursuant to [section 1] to enhance the transportation of agricultural goods and to  
14 meet the purposes of this part.

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16 **Section 3.** Section 80-11-103, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"80-11-103. Department's marketing duties.** The department shall:

18 (1) keep abreast of research results in the subject matter area of marketing;

19 (2) coordinate work with local, state, and national planning groups and other interested parties in  
20 helping them identify major problem areas and needs in marketing;

21 (3) develop and carry out appropriate action programs that will result in significant improvements  
22 being made by those people concerned with problems of marketing;

23 (4) coordinate efforts with representatives of other agencies or organizations or persons who are  
24 concerned with related programs;

25 (5) investigate the costs of marketing;

26 (6) gather and disseminate information concerning supply, demand, favorable marketing information,  
27 prevailing prices, and changes in marketing movements, practices, and rates, including common and cold  
28 storage of food products;

