

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR SPECIFIC GRANTS, LOANS, OR BONDS RELATED TO CONSERVATION, RECLAMATION, AND RENEWABLE RESOURCE ACTIVITIES.

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

**Section 1.** Exemption from environmental review. The department is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants, loans, or bonds related to conservation, reclamation, and renewable resource activities pursuant to this part.

**Section 2.** Exemption from environmental review. The department of natural resources and conservation is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants, loans, or bonds related to conservation, reclamation, and renewable resource activities pursuant to this part.

**Section 3.** Exemption from environmental review. The department is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants, loans, or bonds related to conservation, reclamation, and renewable resource activities pursuant to this part.

**Section 4.** Exemption from environmental review. The department is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants, loans, or bonds related to conservation, reclamation, and renewable resource activities pursuant to this part.

Section 5. Codification instruction. (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of

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Title 76, chapter 15, part 1, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 15, part 1, apply to [section 1].

(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 80, chapter 7, part 10, and the provisions of Title 80, chapter 7, part 10, apply to [section 2].

(3) [Section 3] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 85, chapter 1, part 6, and the provisions of Title 85, chapter 1, part 6, apply to [section 3].

(4) [Section 4] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 90, chapter 2, part 11, and the provisions of Title 90, chapter 2, part 11, apply to [section 4].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,

HB 34, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this	day
of	, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this	day
of	, 2023.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 34

## INTRODUCED BY S. GIST

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