

**Department of Commerce
Business Resources Division**

**Montana Capital Companies
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The Montana Capital Companies Act (the Act) was intended to stimulate economic activity in Montana by providing tax credit incentives to investors in Montana capital companies, who in turn provided debt and equity financing to new or expanding qualified Montana businesses. The Act was originally created in 1983.

The Act was administered through the Montana Board of Investments until late 1991. The responsibility for oversight of the tax credits, qualified investments schedule, and general operations of the program was reassigned in 1992 to what is now the Regional Development Bureau of the Business Resources Division.

There have been 13 capital companies active since the inception of the program. All of the capital companies have now met the investment requirements and have been decertified pursuant to the Act. There are no remaining tax credits to be issued after the deadline passed in 1995.