

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

INTRODUCED BY J. BRUEGGEMAN

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM
PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LIMITING THE RENT THAT COUNTIES MAY CHARGE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR OFFICE SPACE TO THE RATE IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2003; AMENDING SECTION 15-8-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 15-8-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-8-102. County to furnish office space -- allowable charge. The county commissioners of each county shall provide existing office space in the county courthouse or other county building for use by the department's staff, if space is reasonably available. A county may not charge the department a rate ~~that does not exceed in excess of~~ the rental rate ~~that the department of administration charges state agencies for space in state buildings in effect on January 1, 2003.~~ If space is not reasonably available in the courthouse or other county building, the department may contract for the procurement of suitable space. For purposes of this section, "county building" includes a city-county building or a building maintained by a consolidated government."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Retroactive applicability.** [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to office space rates established or renewed after January 1, 2003.

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