

HOUSE BILL NO. 364

INTRODUCED BY BERGREN, BALLANTYNE, BRANAE, HANSEN, JACOBSON, LAMBERT, LENHART,
PARKER, RICE, B. RYAN, STEINBEISSER, TESTER, WITT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION RESTRICTING THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE FROM SPECIAL LEVIES ON AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES APPLIES TO ALL FEES ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, INSPECTIONS, AND OTHER PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Restriction on use of revenue to include department fees.** The restriction in Article XII, section 1(2), of the Montana constitution, which provides that revenue derived from special levies made on agricultural commodities must be used solely for the purposes of the levies, applies to all fees assessed by the department for licenses, registrations, inspections, and other purposes pursuant to this title. Levy purposes may include department administrative expenses.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 80, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 80, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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