AN ACT REMOVING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER THE VERTEBRATE PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 80-7-1102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 80-7-1102, MCA, is amended to read:

"80-7-1102. Expenditures authorized. The department may make expenditures to:

(1) purchase equipment, materials, supplies, and personal services ~~which~~ that are necessary to execute the functions imposed on it by this part;

(2) obtain data on vertebrate pesticide registration and research information on alternative vertebrate pest management techniques;

(3) conduct research or evaluation studies;

(4) ~~make grants to or~~ enter contracts with individuals, universities, other states, state or federal agencies, or other entities it considers appropriate to conduct vertebrate pest management projects;

(5) maintain and support registration of current rodenticides such as compound 1080, strychnine, and zinc phosphide;

(6) seek registration of alternative rodenticides;

(7) develop and implement new vertebrate pest management methods and crop damage assessment techniques;

(8) support vertebrate pest management research and evaluation projects;

(9) educate the agricultural community regarding vertebrate pest management problems and needs;

(10) educate the general public regarding vertebrate pest concerns and the need for vertebrate pest management; and

(11) perform any other related activities."

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,

SB 0087, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day

of _____ , 2019.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day

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INTRODUCED BY K. HANSEN

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