

SENATE BILL NO. 159
INTRODUCED BY R. JOHNSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A BUILDING AND APPURTENANT LAND OWNED BY A RAILROAD AND LEASED BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Buildings on railroad land leased by nonprofit organizations.** (1) The building and appurtenant land, not exceeding 2.5 acres, owned by a railroad as defined in 69-14-101 and leased to a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) is exempt from property taxation.

(2) A building and land exempted under this section are subject to fees and assessments for services and special improvements that are collected with property taxes.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15, chapter 6, part 2, and the provisions of Title 15, chapter 6, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Retroactive applicability.** [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to tax years beginning after December 31, 2002.

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