AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO APPOINT AN INTERIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 59TH LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Study of independent contractor exemption. (1) The commissioner of labor and industry shall appoint an advisory committee that will serve on a volunteer basis to define the term "independent contractor" and study the issues related to exemptions of independent contractors from coverage under the Workers' Compensation Act.

(2) The advisory committee must consist of:

(a) members representing business and community interests;

(b) members representing workers' compensation insurers;

(c)   members representing building contractors of whom at least one-half must be independent contractors;

(d) members representing labor organizations; and

(e) a representative from the department of labor and industry.

(3) The committee is exempt from the requirements of 2-15-122 or 2-15-124.

(4) The department of labor and industry shall periodically report its findings and progress to the economic affairs interim committee, including any recommendations for proposed legislation to the 59th legislature regarding independent contractors.

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,

SB 0270, 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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