

SENATE BILL NO. 431
INTRODUCED BY J. ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTIONS AND FUNDING OF THE MONTANA HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS; PROVIDING THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL FUNCTION AS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT; REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; TRANSFERRING TITLE OF THE "BOVEY ASSETS" FROM THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO THE STATE OF MONTANA; MAKING PERMANENT THE ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN PROCEEDS OF THE LODGING FACILITY USE TAX TO THE MONTANA HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-205, 16-4-305, 22-3-1001, 22-3-1002, 22-3-1003, AND 22-3-1004, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 3, CHAPTER 469, LAWS OF 2001; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 16-4-205, MCA, is amended to read:

"16-4-205. Limit one license to person -- business in name of licensee. (1) A person may not be issued more than one all-beverages license in any year, with the exception of a secured party issued an additional all-beverages license as the result of a default. A secured party shall transfer ownership of any additional all-beverages license within 180 days of issuance. A business may not be carried on under any license issued under this chapter except in the name of the licensee.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to licenses held by the ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks under the provisions of 16-4-305."

Section 2. Section 16-4-305, MCA, is amended to read:

"16-4-305. ~~Montana heritage~~ Department of fish, wildlife, and parks retail alcoholic beverage licenses -- use -- quota. (1) (a) The ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks may use ~~Montana heritage~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks retail alcoholic beverage licenses within the quota area in which the licenses were originally issued; for the purpose of providing retail alcoholic beverage sales on property originally acquired by the state under Title 22, chapter 3, part 10. The

licenses are to be considered when determining the appropriate quotas for issuance of other retail liquor licenses.

(b) The department may issue a wine amendment pursuant to 16-4-105(2) if the use of a ~~Montana heritage~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks retail alcoholic beverage license for the sale of beer meets all the requirements of that section.

(2) The ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks may lease a ~~Montana heritage~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks retail alcoholic beverage license to an individual or entity approved by the department.

(3) ~~Montana heritage~~ Department of fish, wildlife, and parks retail alcoholic beverage licenses are subject to all laws and rules governing the use and operation of retail liquor licenses.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "~~Montana heritage~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks retail alcoholic beverage licenses" are all-beverages liquor licenses and retail on-premises beer licenses that have been transferred to the ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission under the provisions of section 2, Chapter 251, Laws of 1999~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks."

Section 3. Section 22-3-1001, MCA, is amended to read:

"22-3-1001. Purpose. (1) The purpose of this part is to acquire and manage, on behalf of the state, properties that possess outstanding historical value, display exceptional qualities worth preserving, and are genuinely representative of the state's culture and history, ~~and demonstrate the ability to become economically self-supporting.~~ The ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks shall achieve this purpose by purchasing fee title interests in real and personal property and by managing those properties in a manner that protects the properties and encourages economic independence.

(2) Property acquired pursuant to this section may not have an adverse financial effect on the operation, management, or funding of other property managed by the department pursuant to Title 23, chapter 1, part 1.

(3) Pursuant to the department's authority in 23-1-102(4) to appropriately designate state parks, it is intended that the historic properties in Virginia City and Nevada City be designated as a flagship park."

Section 4. Section 22-3-1002, MCA, is amended to read:

"22-3-1002. Montana heritage preservation and development commission advisory council. (1) There is a Montana heritage preservation and development ~~commission~~ advisory council. The ~~commission~~ council is attached to the ~~Montana historical society for administrative purposes~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks in an advisory capacity only, as defined in 2-15-102. The council shall advise the department on all issues

related to:

(a) the purchase of properties in Virginia City and Nevada City;

(b) restoration, funding, maintenance, and operation of historic properties in Virginia City and Nevada City; and

(c) purchasing, restoring, and maintaining historically significant properties in Montana that are in need of preservation.

~~(2) The commission council consists of ~~14~~ 11 members. The members shall broadly represent the state. Nine members must be appointed by the governor, one member must be appointed by the president of the senate, and one member must be appointed by the speaker of the house. The director of the Montana historical society, the director of the department of fish, wildlife, and parks, and the director of the department of commerce shall serve as members.~~

~~(2)~~(3) Of the members ~~appointed by the governor:~~

(a) one member must have extensive experience in managing facilities that cater to the needs of tourists;

(b) one member must have experience in community planning;

(c) one member must have experience in historic preservation;

(d) two members must have broad experience in business;

(e) one member must be a member of the tourism advisory council established in 2-15-1816;

(f) one member must be a Montana historian; ~~and~~

(g) two members must be from the public at large;

(h) one member must be a member of the senate, recommended for appointment by the president of the senate; and

(i) one member must be a member of the house of representatives, recommended for appointment by the speaker of the house.

~~(3) Except for the initial appointments, members appointed by the governor shall serve 3-year terms. Legislative appointees shall serve 2-year terms. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall make an appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.~~

~~(4) (a) The commission may employ:~~

~~—— (i) an executive director who has general responsibility for the selection and management of commission staff, developing recommendations for the purchase of property, and overseeing the management of acquired property;~~

~~—— (ii) a curator who is responsible for the display and preservation of the acquired property; and~~

~~_____ (iii) other staff that the commission and the executive director determine are necessary to manage and operate commission properties.~~

~~_____ (b) The commission shall prescribe the duties and annual salary of the executive director, the curator, and other commission staff.~~

(4) Members of the advisory council are entitled to compensation as provided in 2-15-122(5). Compensation must be paid from the Montana heritage preservation and development account."

Section 5. Section 22-3-1003, MCA, is amended to read:

"22-3-1003. Powers of commission department -- contracts -- rules. (1) (a) ~~The Montana heritage preservation and development commission~~ department of fish, wildlife, and parks may contract with private organizations to assist in carrying out the purpose of 22-3-1001. The term of a contract may not exceed 20 years.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 18, the contracts may be let by direct negotiation. The contracts may be entered into directly with a vendor and are not subject to state procurement laws.

(c) Architectural and engineering review and approval do not apply to the historic renovation projects.

(d) The contracts must provide for the payment of prevailing wages.

(e) A contract for supplies or services, or both, may be negotiated in accordance with ~~commission~~ department rules.

(f) Management activities must be undertaken to encourage the profitable operation of properties.

(g) Contracts may include the lease of property managed by the ~~commission~~ department. Provisions for the renewal of a contract must be contained in the contract.

(2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), the ~~commission~~ department may not contract for the construction of a building, as defined in 18-2-101, in excess of \$200,000 without the consent of the legislature. Building construction must be in conformity with applicable guidelines developed by the national park service of the U.S. department of the interior, the Montana historical society, and the ~~Montana department of fish, wildlife, and parks~~.

(b) The ~~commission~~ department may contract for the preservation, stabilization, or maintenance of existing structures or buildings for an amount that exceeds \$200,000 without legislative consent if the ~~commission~~ department determines that waiting for legislative consent would cause unnecessary damage to the structures or buildings or would result in a significant increase in cost to conduct those activities in the future.

(3) (a) Subject to subsection (3)(b), the ~~commission~~ department, as part of a contract, shall require that a portion of any profit be reinvested in the property and that a portion be used to pay the administrative costs of

the property and the ~~commission~~ department.

(b) (i) Until the balance in the cultural and aesthetic trust reaches \$7,750,000, the ~~commission~~ department shall deposit the portion of profits not used for administrative costs and restoration of the properties in the cultural and aesthetic trust.

(ii) Once the balance in the cultural and aesthetic trust reaches \$7,750,000, the ~~commission~~ department shall deposit the portion of profits not used for administrative costs and restoration of the properties in the general fund.

(c) It is the intent of the ~~57th~~ 58th legislature that no general fund money be provided for the operation and maintenance of Virginia City and Nevada City beyond what has been appropriated by the 55th legislature.

(4) The ~~commission~~ department may solicit funds from other sources for the purchase, management, and operation of properties.

(5) The ~~commission~~ department shall adopt rules establishing a policy for making acquisitions and disposing of real and personal property or other assets. With respect to each acquisition or disposal, the policy must give consideration to:

(a) whether the property or asset represents the state's culture and history;

~~(b) whether the property can become self-supporting;~~

~~(e)~~(b) whether the property or asset can contribute to the economic and social enrichment of the state;

~~(d)~~(c) whether the ~~property~~ asset lends itself to programs to interpret Montana history;

~~(e)~~(d) whether the acquisition or disposal will create significant social and economic impacts to affected local governments and the state; ~~and~~

(e) the opportunity for public review and comment;

(f) the opportunity for review by the Montana historical society; and

~~(f)~~(g) other matters that the ~~commission~~ department considers necessary or appropriate.

(6) Public notice and the opportunity for a hearing must be given in the geographical area of a proposed acquisition or disposal before a final decision to acquire or dispose of a property is made. The ~~commission~~ department shall approve proposals for acquisition or disposal and recommend the approved proposal to the board of land commissioners.

(7) Proceeds from the disposition of any property or assets pursuant to subsection (5) must be placed in the Montana heritage preservation and development account.

~~(7)~~(8) Prior to the convening of each regular session, the ~~commission~~ department shall report to the governor and the legislature, as provided in 5-11-210, concerning financial activities during the prior biennium."

Section 6. Section 22-3-1004, MCA, is amended to read:

"22-3-1004. Montana heritage preservation and development account. (1) (a) There is a Montana heritage preservation and development account in the state special revenue fund.

(b) Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law or agreement, the department shall deposit any federal money that the department obtains for heritage preservation and development into an account in the federal special revenue fund provided for in 87-1-601(1)(b).

(2) Money deposited in the ~~account~~ accounts must be used for:

(a) the purchase of properties in Virginia City and Nevada City;
 (b) restoration, maintenance, and operation of historic properties in Virginia City and Nevada City; and
 (c) purchasing, restoring, and maintaining historically significant properties in Montana that are in need of preservation.

(3) The ~~account is~~ accounts are statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission~~ department to be used as provided in this section.

(4) All interest earned on money in the account must be deposited in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the ~~commission~~ department."

NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Transfer of title.** Title to the real and personal property acquired by the 55th legislature and commonly referred to as the "Bovey assets" is transferred from the Montana historical society to the state of Montana.

NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Transfer of licenses.** The all-beverages liquor licenses and retail on-premises beer licenses that were transferred to the Montana heritage preservation and development commission under the provisions of section 2, Chapter 251, Laws of 1999, are transferred to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks.

NEW SECTION. **Section 9. Repealer.** Section 3, Chapter 469, Laws of 2001, is repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Section 10. Codification instruction.** [Section 7] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 1, apply to [section 7].

NEW SECTION. **Section 11. Instruction to code commissioner.** The code commissioner shall

renumber sections 22-3-1001 through 22-3-1004 as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 1.

NEW SECTION. **Section 12. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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