

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 189

2 INTRODUCED BY LENZ, HOLLANDSWORTH, MACDONALD, OSMUNDSON, PEASE-LOPEZ, RANDALL,  
3 SALOMON

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF HAIL INSURANCE;  
6 REDUCING THE PERCENTAGE OF FEES RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR  
7 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; IMPOSING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED THAT ARE  
8 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND; AND AMENDING SECTION ~~SECTION~~ SECTIONS 80-2-208 AND 80-2-232,  
9 MCA."

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

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13 **Section 1.** Section 80-2-208, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"80-2-208. Maximum insurance.** When the reserve fund is determined actuarially sound, as provided  
15 in 80-2-228, the board may write not more than ~~\$50~~ \$100 insurance on each acre of crops on nonirrigated land  
16 and not more than ~~\$76~~ \$152 on each acre on irrigated land. When more than one party desires hail insurance  
17 on the same crop, each party is entitled to the share of the maximum provided on each acre as represented by  
18 that person's interest in the crop. Either party may insure the party's share in the crop for any amount up to and  
19 including the maximum on each acre if the others waive their right to insure."

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21 **SECTION 2. SECTION 80-2-232, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:**

22 **"80-2-232. Department of revenue's duty -- warrants -- transfers to state general fund.** (1) The  
23 department of revenue shall receive all money paid under this part and shall place the money in trust for the hail  
24 insurance program to the credit of the enterprise fund. All money collected by the board must be deposited in the  
25 enterprise fund, and all losses must be paid from that fund. All other costs are administrative expenses and must  
26 be paid from the board's enterprise fund. If registered warrants are presented and there is no money to pay the  
27 warrants, the warrants must be registered and bear interest at the rate of 4% a year until called for payment by  
28 the state treasurer.

29 (2) The department of revenue may retain ~~2%~~ 1% of the gross annual fees imposed and collected under  
30 this part for administrative costs associated with billing and collection of hail insurance premiums.

