

HOUSE BILL NO. 189

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

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

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

"80-2-208. Maximum insurance. When the reserve fund is determined actuarially sound, as provided in 80-2-228, the board may write not more than ~~\$50~~ ~~\$100~~ \$75 insurance on each acre of crops on nonirrigated land and not more than ~~\$76~~ ~~\$152~~ \$114 on each acre on irrigated land. When more than one party desires hail insurance on the same crop, each party is entitled to the share of the maximum provided on each acre as represented by that person's interest in the crop. Either party may insure the party's share in the crop for any amount up to and including the maximum on each acre if the others waive their right to insure."

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

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

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

