

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE TO MEET THE NUTRIENT LIMITS IN A MODIFIED DISCHARGE PERMIT AFTER AN OBJECTION BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF THE COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Compliance schedule for narrative nutrient standards.** If the United States environmental protection agency vetoes or objects to a discharge permit because of a nutrient standards variance provided for in 75-5-313 and the environmental protection agency determines that no variance may be granted for the permit, the department shall modify the discharge permit to contain nutrient limits based on the base numeric nutrient standards and a compliance schedule for meeting these nutrient limits. The compliance schedule may not extend for more than 20 years. The department may review and modify the compliance schedule every 3 years.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, chapter 5, and the provisions of Title 75, chapter 5, apply to [section 1].

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