1	SENATE BILL NO. 363
2	INTRODUCED BY C. VINCENT
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES;
5	PROVIDING REVENUE SOURCES TO PREVENT AND CONTROL AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES;
6	ESTABLISHING THE NONRESIDENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DECAL; ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR
7	BOAT VALIDATION DECALS; ESTABLISHING THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PASS;
8	ESTABLISHING A HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY FEE; ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR
9	HYDROELECTRIC-DEPENDENT UTILITIES; ESTABLISHING AN IRRIGATED FARMLAND FEE;
10	ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR CERTAIN BICYCLES; ALLOCATING REVENUE; REVISING DEFINITIONS;
11	DEFINING "HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY"; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; REVISING THE
12	INVASIVE SPECIES TRUST FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-1-106, 23-2-502, 23-2-511, 23-2-512, 69-3-308,
13	80-7-1004, 80-7-1006, AND 80-7-1010, <u>80-7-1016, 80-7-1017, 80-7-1018, 87-2-514, 87-2-711, 87-2-816, AND</u>
14	87-2-817, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE EFFECTIVE DATES, APPLICABILITY DATES AN
15	APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE TERMINATION DATES."
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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19	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Nonresident aquatic invasive species decal required fee. (1) In
20	addition to any proof of inspection or decontamination required pursuant to Title 80, chapter 7, part 10, a
21	nonresident aquatic invasive species decal must be displayed as prescribed by the department on a motorboat,
22	sailboat, or personal watercraft owned by a nonresident when the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is
23	operated on waters of this state.
24	(2) A nonresident aquatic invasive species decal must be purchased each calendar year for \$50 at
25	locations prescribed by the department. The decal is not transferable between watercraft.
26	(3) Money received from the sale of nonresident aquatic invasive species decals must be deposited in
27	the invasive species account established in 80-7-1004.
28	(4) A person may not operate or give permission for the operation of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal
29	watercraft that does not display a nonresident aquatic invasive species decal as required by subsection (1).
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1	<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Validation decals required fee. (1) Validation decals verifying the
2	identifying number of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft must be displayed on the motorboat, sailboat,
3	or personal watercraft as prescribed in 23-2-512.
4	(2) A set of validation decals must be purchased each calendar year for \$25 at locations prescribed by
5	the department. The set of decals is not transferable and expires on December 31 of the year for which it was
6	issued. A set of decals for the subsequent year must be purchased before the existing set expires.
7	(3) A validation decal must be an adhesive sticker that is approximately 3 inches square and must be
8	serially numbered and identified by color in accordance with the federal numbering system.
9	(4) Except as provided in 23-2-511(2), the operation of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is
10	prohibited without current validation decals.
11	(5) Money received from the sale of validation decals must be deposited in the invasive species account
12	established in 80-7-1004.
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14	NEW SECTION. Section 1. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PASS. (1) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO FISH IN
15	MONTANA OR TO APPLY FOR A FISHING LICENSE OR A COMBINATION LICENSE THAT INCLUDES A FISHING LICENSE A PERSON
16	MUST FIRST OBTAIN AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PASS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE PASS MUST BE
17	PURCHASED ONCE EACH LICENSE YEAR.
18	(2) RESIDENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED FOR A FEE OF \$2.
19	(3) Nonresident aquatic invasive species prevention passes may be purchased for a fee of \$15.
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21	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Invasive species fee for hydroelectric facilities. (1) In recognition of the
22	threat that invasive species pose to Montana's hydroelectric power structures and systems, a hydroelectric facility decreases a constant of the contraction of the contract
23	shall pay an A QUARTERLY invasive species fee of \$0.0004 per kilowatt hour \$577.75 \$967.62 PER MEGAWATT of
24	the facility's nameplate capacity authorized by the federal energy regulatory commission.
25	(2) Every hydroelectric facility subject to the fee in subsection (1) shall file on forms provided by the
26	department and pay within 30 days after the end of each quarterly period. The quarterly periods end March 31,
27	June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year.
28	(3) If the fee is not paid on or before the due date, a penalty and interest must be assessed as provided
29	in 15-1-216. The department may waive the penalty pursuant to 15-1-216.
30	(4) The department may audit the records and other documents of a hydroelectric facility to ensure that

1 the proper fee is paid and collected pursuant to this section.

(5) Money collected pursuant to this section must be deposited in the invasive species account established in 80-7-1004.

(6) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, 69-3-308 DOES NOT APPLY, AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
SHALL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RECOVERY OF THIS FEE IN RATES IN A PROCEEDING HELD PURSUANT TO 69-3-302
FOR ANY HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY APPROVED PURSUANT TO 69-8-421.

(6)(7)(6) For the purposes of this section, "hydroelectric facility" means a facility located in Montana that produces electricity using water power and has more than 1.5 megawatts in nameplate capacity.

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NEW SECTION. Section 3. Invasive species fee for hydroelectric-dependent utilities. (1) A

Between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2019, a load-serving utility receiving more than 50% of its annual electricity supply from hydroelectric generation supplied by a federal power marketing administration shall pay an a quarterly invasive species fee of \$0.0009972 per kilowatt hour of the utility's total retail sales for that quarter. Determined by the department pursuant to subsection (2).

- (2) BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE THE QUARTERLY FEE FOR EACH LOAD-SERVING UTILITY BY MULTIPLYING THE UTILITY'S 2015 KILOWATT-HOUR SALES BY THE FACTOR CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3), DIVIDING THE PRODUCT BY FOUR, AND ROUNDING THAT PRODUCT TO THE NEAREST WHOLE DOLLAR.
- 18 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE FACTOR USED IN SUBSECTION (2) BY MULTIPLYING THE FEE

 19 ASSESSED IN [SECTION 2(1)] BY FOUR, MULTIPLYING THAT PRODUCT BY THE TOTAL NAMEPLATE CAPACITY OF A UTILITY

 20 REGULATED PURSUANT TO TITLE 69, CHAPTER 8, AND THEN DIVIDING THAT PRODUCT BY 6,080,144,265.
- 21 (2)(4) A UTILITY SUBJECT TO THE FEE IN SUBSECTION (1) SHALL FILE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT

 22 AND PAY WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH QUARTERLY PERIOD. THE QUARTERLY PERIODS END MARCH 31, JUNE

 23 30, SEPTEMBER 30, AND DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.
- 24 (3)(5) If the fee is not paid on or before the due date, a penalty and interest must be assessed as
 25 PROVIDED IN 15-1-216. The DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE PENALTY PURSUANT TO 15-1-216.
- 26 (4)(6) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUDIT THE RECORDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF A UTILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE
 27 PROPER FEE IS PAID AND COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- 28 (5)(7) MONEY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE INVASIVE SPECIES ACCOUNT
 29 ESTABLISHED IN 80-7-1004.



1	<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 5. Invasive species fee for irrigated farmland. (1) In recognition of the threat
2	that invasive species pose to irrigation infrastructure, the owner of land that is classified as agricultural land
3	pursuant to 15-7-202 and valued as irrigated farmland pursuant to 15-7-201 shall pay an annual invasive species
4	fee of \$25.
5	(2) By the second Monday of every October, the department shall identify landowners subject to the fee
6	established in subsection (1) and notify the appropriate county treasurer for collection pursuant to Title 15,
7	chapter 16, part 1.
8	(3) Fees collected by county treasurers pursuant to this section must be remitted to the department for
9	deposit in the invasive species account established in 80-7-1004.
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11	NEW SECTION. Section 4. Nonresident invasive species bicycle decal. (1) An invasive species
12	DECAL MUST BE AFFIXED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE TO EACH BICYCLE THAT IS BROUGHT INTO AND USED IN MONTANA BY
13	A NONRESIDENT. A NONRESIDENT MAY NOT USE OR GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF A BICYCLE THE NONRESIDENT
14	BROUGHT INTO THE STATE ON WHICH AN INVASIVE SPECIES DECAL IS NOT AFFIXED.
15	(2) An invasive species decal must be purchased each calendar year for \$25 at locations
16	PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS. THE DECAL IS NOT TRANSFERABLE BETWEEN BICYCLES.
17	(3) Money collected by payment of fees under this section must be deposited in the invasive
18	SPECIES ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 80-7-1004.
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20	Section 5. Section 17-1-106, MCA, is amended to read:
21	"17-1-106. Agency recovery of indirect costs exemption. (1) An Except as provided in 80-7-1004
22	and subsections (3) and (4) of this section, an agency receiving nongeneral funds shall, in accordance with all
23	applicable regulations, guidelines, or grant rules governing those funds, negotiate indirect cost reimbursement
24	amounts and methodologies so that the agency may recover indirect costs.
25	(2) An agency, except for a unit of the university system, that applies for or otherwise receives funds
26	through federal or private grants or contracts that do not allow the agency to fully recover indirect costs shall notify
27	and must receive written approval from its approving authority prior to accepting the funds.
28	(3) The department of transportation may not recover indirect costs from a local government for the

community transportation enhancement program.

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(4) The department of transportation may not recover indirect costs for administration of a U.S. federal

transit administration grant, including but not limited to grants provided for in 49 U.S.C. 5310, 49 U.S.C. 5311, 49 U.S.C. 5316, and 49 U.S.C. 5317, from a local government, nonprofit organization, or public transportation provider that provides transit services.

- (5) An agency, except for a unit of the university system, may not, as part of the grant or contract proposal or negotiation process, waive or otherwise forfeit the agency's ability to recover indirect costs that are otherwise allowable costs under the program, except for intra-agency or interagency grants or contracts. For grants or contracts for which the entity providing the funds limits administrative cost reimbursements or indirect cost recoveries by regulation, policy, or guideline, statewide and agency indirect costs paid originally from the general fund must be claimed first, other indirect costs must be claimed second, agency direct costs of administration must be claimed third, and program direct costs must be claimed last. For grants or contracts for which there is no limit on indirect costs or administrative costs, indirect and administrative costs must be claimed first and direct program costs must be claimed last.
- (6) Each agency receiving federal funds and not directly charging a grant or program for the recovery of indirect costs shall submit an indirect cost proposal to the appropriate federal agency. The department shall provide technical assistance to an agency on how to build an indirect cost proposal.
- (7) Except as provided for a unit of the university system under 20-25-427, indirect costs recovered by an agency to pay the agency's indirect costs under 17-1-105 must be deposited as provided in 17-1-105. All other indirect costs must be deposited in the fund from which the indirect costs were originally paid."

Section 7. Section 23-2-502. MCA. is amended to read:

"23-2-502. Definitions. As used in this part, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Certificate of number" means the certificate issued by the department of justice, an authorized agent, as defined in 61-1-101, or a county treasurer to the owner of a motorboat or sailboat, assigning the motorboat or sailboat an identifying number and containing other information as required by the department of justice.
- 26 (2) "Department" means the department of fish, wildlife, and parks of the state of Montana.
- 27 (3) "Documented vessel" means a vessel that has and is required to have a valid marine document as 28 a vessel of the United States.
- (4) "Identifying number" means the boat number set forth in the certificate of number and properly
 displayed on the motorboat or sailboat.



1	(5) "Lienholder" means a person holding a security interest.
2	(6) "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing or importing new and
3	unused vessels or new and unused outboard motors for the purpose of sale or trade.
4	(7) (a) "Motorboat" means a vessel, including a personal watercraft or pontoon, propelled by any
5	machinery, motor, or engine of any description, whether or not the machinery, motor, or engine is the principal
6	source of propulsion. The term includes boats temporarily equipped with detachable motors or engines.
7	(b) The term does not include a vessel that has a valid marine document issued by the U.S. coast guard
8	or any successor federal agency.
9	(8) "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a motorboat or a vessel.
10	(9) "Operator" means the person who navigates, drives, or is otherwise in immediate control of a
11	motorboat or vessel.
12	(10) (a) "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to a motorboat
13	or vessel. The term includes a person entitled to the use or possession of a motorboat or vessel subject to an
14	interest in another person, reserved or created by an agreement securing payment or performance of an
15	obligation.
16	(b) The term does not include a lessee under a lease not intended as security.
17	(11) "Passenger" means each person carried on board a vessel other than:
18	(a) the owner or the owner's representative;
19	(b) the operator;
20	(c) bona fide members of the crew engaged in the business of the vessel who have not contributed any
21	consideration for their carriage and who are paid for their services; or
22	(d) a guest on board a vessel that is being used exclusively for pleasure purposes who has not
23	contributed any consideration, directly or indirectly, for the guest's carriage.
24	(12) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other entity.
25	(13) "Personal watercraft" means a vessel that uses an outboard motor or an inboard engine powering
26	a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and that is designed to be operated by a person sitting,
27	standing, or kneeling on the vessel rather than by the conventional method of sitting or standing in the vessel.
28	(14) "Registration decal" means an adhesive sticker produced by the department of justice and issued
29	by the department of justice, an authorized agent as defined in 61-1-101, or a county treasurer to the owner of
30	a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft as proof of payment of fees imposed on the motorboat, sailboat, or

1 personal watercraft for the registration period indicated on the decal as recorded by the department of justice 2 under 61-3-101. 3 (15) (a) "Sailboat" means a vessel that uses a sail and wind as its primary source of propulsion. 4 (b) The term does not include a canoe or kayak propelled by wind. 5 (16) "Security interest" means an interest that is reserved or created by an agreement that secures 6 payment or performance of an obligation and is valid against third parties generally. 7 (17) "Uniform state waterway marking system" means one of two categories: 8 (a) a system of aids to navigation to supplement the federal system of marking in state waters; 9 (b) a system of regulatory markers to warn a vessel operator of dangers or to provide general information 10 and directions. 11 (18) "Validation decal" means an adhesive sticker produced by the department and issued by the 12 department or a county treasurer to the owner of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft verifying the 13 identifying number assigned to the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft and the name and address of the 14 owner to meet requirements of the federal standard numbering system. 15 (19)(18) "Vessel" means every description of watercraft, unless otherwise defined by the department, 16 other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. 17 (20)(19) "Waters of this state" means any waters within the territorial limits of this state." 18 19 Section 8. Section 23-2-511, MCA, is amended to read: 20 "23-2-511. Operation of unnumbered motorboats or sailboats prohibited -- display of registration 21 and validation decals. (1) A motorboat on the waters of this state that is propelled by a motor or an engine of 22 any description or a sailboat on the waters of this state must be properly numbered and display valid registration 23 and validation decals. A person may not operate or give permission for the operation of any motorboat or sailboat 24 on the waters of this state unless the motorboat or sailboat is numbered and displays valid registration and 25 validation decals in accordance with this part and applicable federal law or with a federally approved numbering 26 system of another state and unless: 27 (a) the certificate of number assigned to the motorboat or sailboat is in effect; 28 (b) the identifying number set forth in the certificate of number and the valid license decals are displayed 29 on the motorboat or sailboat; and 30 (c) a temporary permit has been obtained from the county in which a motorboat is being operated if that

1 county requires a temporary permit for out-of-state motorboats, as provided in 7-16-2121.

(2) Upon transfer of ownership of a motorboat or sailboat, the transferred motorboat or sailboat may be operated on the waters of this state for 40 consecutive calendar days immediately following the transfer of ownership without displaying the registration and validation decals decal required by subsection (1) and the validation decals required by [section 2] if when the motorboat or sailboat is operated during those 40 consecutive calendar days, a temporary registration permit has been issued under 61-3-224 and is shown to a warden or other officer upon request."

Section 9. Section 23-2-512, MCA, is amended to read:

"23-2-512. Identifying number. (1) The owner of each motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft requiring numbering by this state shall file an application for number in the office of the county treasurer in the county where the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is owned, on forms prepared and furnished by the department of justice. The application must be signed by the owner of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft and be accompanied by the fee prescribed in 61-3-321(10). Any alteration, change, or false statement contained in the application renders the certificate of number void. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the county treasurer shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number prepared and furnished by the department of justice, stating the number assigned to the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft and the name and address of the owner. Validation decals verifying the identifying number for each motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft also must be issued along with the certificate of number and must be obtained pursuant to [section 2] and displayed on the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft pursuant to subsection (7).

(2) The fine for failing to display the validation decals may not be more than the cost incurred by the justice's court.

(3) The department may give only verbal or written warnings until December 31, 2007, for failing to display validation decals in an attempt to educate the boating public.

(4)(2) If the ownership of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft changes, a new application form with the certification fee must be filed within 40 days with the county treasurer and a new certificate of number assigned in the same manner as provided for in an original assignment of number. New validation decals also must be issued simultaneously obtained pursuant to [section 2] and displayed pursuant to subsection (7).

numbering for motorboats in the United States, the numbering system employed pursuant to this part by the

(5)(3) If an agency of the United States government has in force a comprehensive system of identification



department of justice must be in conformity.

(6)(4) A certificate of number and validation decals issued under this part are <u>is</u> effective unless terminated or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of this part. All motorboats, sailboats, or personal watercraft already numbered must exhibit validation decals by December 31, 2005. All validation decals expire on February 28, 2008. Validation decals must be obtained by the expiration date at any regional office of the department or through the department website and are in effect for another 3-year period ending February 28, 2011. The requirement of renewal validation decals must continue in subsequent 3-year periods, and renewal validation decals must be identified by color in accordance with the federal numbering system. Except as provided in 23-2-511(2) and subsection (4) of this section, the operation of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is prohibited without current validation decals.

(8)(5) If ownership is transferred, the purchaser shall notify the county treasurer within 40 days of the acquisition of all or any part of the purchaser's interest, other than the creation of a security interest, in a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft numbered in this state or of the loss, theft, destruction, or abandonment of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. The transfer, loss, theft, destruction, or abandonment terminates the certificate of number for the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. Recovery from theft or transfer of a part interest that does not affect the owner's right to operate the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft does not terminate the certificate of number.

(9)(6) A holder of a certificate of number shall notify the county treasurer within a reasonable time if the holder's address no longer conforms to the address appearing on the certificate and shall furnish the county treasurer with the new address. The department of justice may provide by rule for the surrender of the certificate bearing the former address and its replacement with a certificate bearing the new address or the alteration of an outstanding certificate to show the new address of the holder.

(10)(7) (a) The identifying number assigned must be painted on or attached to each outboard side of the forward half of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft or, if there are no sides, at a corresponding location on both outboard sides of the foredeck of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. The identifying number assigned must read from left to right in Arabic numerals and block characters of good proportion at least 3 inches tall excluding border or trim of a color that contrasts with the color of the background and be so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible. The identifying number may not be placed on the obscured underside of the

flared bow where it cannot be easily seen from another vessel or ashore. Numerals, letters, or devices other than those used in connection with the identifying number issued may not be placed in the proximity of the identifying number. Numerals, letters, or devices that might interfere with the ready identification of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft by its identifying number may not be carried in a manner that interferes with the motorboat's, sailboat's, or personal watercraft's identification. A number other than the identifying number assigned to a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft or granted reciprocity under this part may not be painted, attached, or otherwise displayed on either side of the forward half of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. A registration decal issued under this part must be placed next to the identifying number located on the left side of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft or, if there are no sides, at the corresponding location on the left outboard side of the foredeck of the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. The A validation decal obtained pursuant to [section 2] must be placed immediately aft of the registration decal on the left side and immediately aft of the identifying number on the right side of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft. (b) The certificate of number must be pocket size and available to federal, state, or local law enforcement officers at all reasonable times for inspection on the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft whenever the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is on waters of this state. (c) Boat liveries are not required to have the certificate of number on board each motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft, but a rental agreement must be carried on board livery motorboats, sailboats, or personal watercraft in place of the certificate of number. (11)(8) An owner of a motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft shall within a reasonable time notify the department of justice, giving the motorboat's, sailboat's, or personal watercraft's identifying number and the owner's name if the motorboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft is transferred, lost, destroyed, or abandoned or within 60 days after a change of the state of principal use or if a motorboat becomes documented as a vessel of the United States. (12) The department shall reimburse the department of justice for any programming costs necessary to implement the provisions of this section that are incurred in fiscal year 2005." Section 10. Section 69-3-308, MCA, is amended to read: "69-3-308. Disclosure of taxes and fees paid by customers of public utility -- automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees. (1) A public utility may separately disclose in a customer's bill the

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amount of state and local taxes and fees assessed against the public utility that the customer is paying.

1	(2) (a) (i) The Except as provided in [section 3], the commission shall allow a public utility to file rate
2	schedules containing provisions for the automatic adjustment and tracking of Montana state and local taxes and
3	fees, except state income tax, paid by the public utility. The resulting rate schedule changes must include:
4	(A) adjustments for the net change in federal and state income tax liability caused by the deductibility
5	of state and local taxes and fees;
6	(B) retroactive tax adjustments; and
7	(C) adjustments related to the resolution of property taxes paid under protest.
8	(ii) The rate schedules must include provisions for annual rate adjustments, including both tax increases
9	and decreases.
10	(b) The amended rates must automatically go into effect on January 1 following the date of change in
11	taxes paid on an interim basis, subject to any adjustments determined in subsection (2)(c).
12	(c) The amended rate schedule must be filed with the commission on or before the effective date of the
13	change in taxes paid, and if the commission determines that the revised rate schedule is in error, the commission
14	may, within 45 days of receipt of the revised rate schedule, ask for comment and order the public utility to address
15	any errors or omissions including, if necessary, any refunds due customers.
16	(d) Failure of the commission to issue an order pursuant to subsection (2)(c) is considered approval on
17	the part of the commission.
18	(e) A public utility may challenge an order issued by the commission under subsection (2)(c) in
19	accordance with the provisions of 69-3-401 through 69-3-405."
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21	Section 6. Section 80-7-1004, MCA, is amended to read:
22	"80-7-1004. Invasive species account. (1) There is an invasive species account in the state special
23	revenue fund. The account is administered by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks.
24	(2) Money transferred from the general fund or received from any other lawful source, including but not
25	limited to fees collected pursuant to [section 1], [section 2], [section 3], and [section 4], AND [SECTION 5], AND
26	[SECTION 4], gifts, grants, donations, securities, or other assets, public or private, may be deposited in the account.

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), money deposited in the account must be used for projects that prevent or control any nonnative, aquatic invasive species pursuant to this part.
- (4) Any private contribution deposited in the account for a particular purpose, as stated by the donor, must be used exclusively for that purpose.



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1 (5) Any interest and earnings on the account must be retained in the account.

(5) At the end of each fiscal year, unreserved funds in the account, including any interest and earnings, must be transferred to the invasive species trust fund established in 80-7-1016.

(6) The department of fish, wildlife, and parks may not recover indirect costs from the invasive species account."

SECTION 7. SECTION 80-7-1004, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"80-7-1004. Invasive species account. (1) There is an invasive species account in the state special revenue fund. The account is administered by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks.

- (2) Money transferred from the general fund or received from any other lawful source, including but not limited to fees collected pursuant to [section 4], gifts, grants, donations, securities, or other assets, public or private, may be deposited in the account.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), money deposited in the account must be used for projects that prevent or control any nonnative, aquatic invasive species pursuant to this part.
- (4) Any private contribution deposited in the account for a particular purpose, as stated by the donor, must be used exclusively for that purpose.
 - (5) Any interest and earnings on the account must be retained in the account.
- (5) At the end of each fiscal year, unreserved funds in the account, including any interest and earnings, must be transferred to the invasive species trust fund established in 80-7-1016.
- (6) The department of fish, wildlife, and parks may not recover indirect costs from the invasive species account."

- **Section 8.** Section 80-7-1006, MCA, is amended to read:
- **"80-7-1006. Departmental responsibilities** <u>-- reporting</u>. (1) The departments shall prepare a list of invasive species and identify those departments and other public agencies with jurisdiction over each species on the list. The jurisdiction of each department for the prevention and control of invasive species is according to the department's powers and duties as established by law.
- (2) For those invasive species under the jurisdiction of more than one department, the departments with jurisdiction, through cooperative agreement, shall seek to clarify and coordinate their respective responsibilities.
 - (3) Working in collaboration with each other, the departments, individually or collectively, shall develop



and adopt an invasive species strategic plan or plans to accomplish the purposes of this part. The plan or plans shall identify and prioritize threats and determine appropriate actions, in the following order of priority, related to:

- (a) public awareness and education;
- 4 (b) prevention and detection of invasive species, including the use of invasive species management 5 areas authorized under 80-7-1008 and the statewide invasive species management area established in 6 80-7-1015;
 - (c) management, control, and restoration of infested areas; and
- 8 (d) emergency response.

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- (4) The departments shall enforce quarantine regulations and measures imposed by law or rule in an invasive species management area established under 80-7-1008 and in the statewide invasive species management area established in 80-7-1015, including the mandatory inspection of any interior portion of a vessel or equipment that may contain water for the presence of an invasive species.
 - (5) The departments may designate employees to carry out the provisions of this part.
- (6) The department of fish, wildlife, and parks shall authorize a request by another entity to operate a check station pursuant to this part if the entity agrees to the conditions of an agreement established by all parties, any cooperative funding requirements, and rules adopted under this part. The department of fish, wildlife, and parks retains oversight authority over the operation of a check station pursuant to this subsection.
- (7) The departments shall implement education and outreach programs that increase public knowledge and understanding of prevention, early detection, and control of invasive species.
- (8) The departments shall report to the environmental quality council at least biannually regarding activities undertaken and expenses incurred in the implementation of this part."

Section 9. Section 80-7-1010, MCA, is amended to read:

- **"80-7-1010. Invasive species management area -- regulation.** (1) The owner, operator, or person in possession of any vessel or equipment authorized for use in an invasive species management area shall comply with any regulations imposed pursuant to 80-7-1008(3)(b) <u>and provide proof of compliance upon request of a department or its designee.</u>
- (2) After use in a body of water within an invasive species management area, all vessels, equipment, bait containers, livewells, bilges, and other boating-related equipment, excluding marine sanitary systems, must be drained in a way that does not impact any state waters before being transported on land or a public highway,



as defined in 61-1-101, except where allowed by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks."

SECTION 10. SECTION 80-7-1016, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"80-7-1016. Invasive species trust fund. (1) There is an invasive species trust fund. The board of investments shall invest the money of the fund, and the investment income must be deposited in the fund.

- (2) The principal of the invasive species trust fund shall forever remain inviolate in an amount of \$10 \$100 million unless appropriated by a vote of three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature.
- (3) Except as provided in 80-7-1013 and subsections subsection (2) and (4) of this section, money deposited in the invasive species trust fund may not be appropriated until the principal reaches \$10 million.
- (4) On July 1 of each fiscal year, the principal of the invasive species trust fund in excess of \$10 \frac{\$100}{} million and the interest and income generated from the trust fund, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be deposited in the invasive species grant account established in 80-7-1017 80-7-1004.
- (5) Deposits to the principal of the trust fund may include but are not limited to grants, gifts, transfers, bequests, or donations from any source.
- (6) If the invasive species trust fund is terminated, the money in the fund must be divided between all counties according to rules adopted by the department of natural resources and conservation for that purpose."

SECTION 11. SECTION 80-7-1017, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

- **"80-7-1017. Invasive species grant account.** (1) There is an invasive species grant account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102. Subject to appropriation by the legislature, money deposited in the account must be used pursuant to 80-7-1018 and this section.
- (2) Deposits to the account may include but are not limited to grants, gifts, transfers, bequests, donations, <u>and</u> appropriations from any source, and deposits made pursuant to 80-7-1016.
- (3) Interest and income earned on the account and any unspent or unencumbered money in the account at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the account.
- (4) Money deposited in the account may be used for costs incurred by the department of natural resources and conservation to administer the provisions of 80-7-1016 through 80-7-1018. Except for startup costs incurred in the first year of the program, the administrative costs in any fiscal year, including but not limited to personal services and operations, may not exceed 10% of the total amount of grants and contracts awarded pursuant to 80-7-1018 in the previous fiscal year."



SECTION 12. SECTION 80-7-1018, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"80-7-1018. Invasive species grant program -- criteria -- rulemaking. (1) Money deposited in the invasive species grant account established in 80-7-1017 may be expended by the department of natural resources and conservation through grants to or contracts with communities or local, state, tribal, or other entities for invasive species management.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "invasive species management" includes public education and planning, development, implementation, or continuation of a program or project to prevent, research, detect, control, or, where possible, eradicate invasive species.
- (3) A grant or contract may be awarded under this section for demonstration of and research and public education on new and innovative invasive species management.
- (4) In making grant and contract awards under this section, the department of natural resources and conservation shall give preference to local governments, collaborative stakeholders, and community groups that it determines can most effectively implement programs on the ground.
- (5) If the governor appoints an advisory council on invasive species, the department of natural resources and conservation shall consider recommendations by the advisory council for awards made under this section.
- (6) The department of natural resources and conservation is not eligible to receive grants and contracts under this section.
- (7) The department of natural resources and conservation may accept federal funds for use pursuant to this section.
- (8) Any funds awarded under this section, regardless of when they were awarded, that are not fully expended upon termination of a contract or an extension of a contract, not to exceed 1 year, must revert to the department of natural resources and conservation and be deposited in the invasive species grant account established in 80-7-1017. The department of natural resources and conservation shall use any reverted funds to make future awards pursuant to this section.
- (9) The department of natural resources and conservation may adopt rules to administer the provisions of 80-7-1016 through 80-7-1018 this section."

SECTION 13. SECTION 87-2-514, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"87-2-514. Nonresident relative of resident allowed to purchase nonresident licenses at reduced



- 1 **cost -- definitions.** (1) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
- 2 (a) "Nonresident relative of a resident" means a person born in Montana who is the natural or adoptive 3 child, sibling, or parent of a resident but is not a resident.
 - (b) "Resident" means a resident as defined in 87-2-102.
- 5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a nonresident relative of a resident who meets the 6 qualifications of subsection (5) may purchase the following at one-half the cost:
- 7 (a) a Class B nonresident fishing license;
 - (b) a Class B-1 nonresident upland game bird license;
 - (c) a Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license; and
- 10 (d) a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license.
 - (3) The nonresident relative of a resident shall also purchase a nonresident wildlife conservation license as prescribed in 87-2-202, and a nonresident base hunting license as prescribed in 87-2-116 if the nonresident relative of a resident purchases a hunting license, and a nonresident aquatic invasive species prevention pass if the nonresident purchases a fishing license.
 - (4) Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses sold pursuant to subsection (2) are not included in the limit on the number of available Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses issued pursuant to 87-2-505 and 87-2-510.
 - (5) To qualify for a license pursuant to subsection (2), a nonresident relative of a resident shall apply at any department regional office or at the department's state office in Helena and present proof of the following:
 - (a) a birth certificate verifying the applicant's birth in Montana or documentation that the applicant was born to parents who were residents at the time of birth;
 - (b) evidence that the person previously held a Montana resident hunting or fishing license or has passed a hunter safety course in Montana pursuant to 87-2-105; and
 - (c) proof that the applicant is a nonresident relative of a resident.
 - (6) Of the fee paid for a hunting license purchased pursuant to subsection (2), 28.5% must be deposited in the account established in 87-1-290."

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- **SECTION 14.** SECTION 87-2-711, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:
- "87-2-711. Class AAA--combination sports license. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a resident, as defined by 87-2-102, who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued is entitled to:



(a) a combination sports license that permits a holder who is 12 years of age or older to exercise all rights granted to holders of Class A, A-1, A-3, and A-5 licenses and resident conservation licenses as prescribed in 87-2-202 upon payment of the sum of \$70 or, if the resident is a service member eligible for a combination sports license pursuant to 87-2-817(2), upon payment of the resident base hunting license fee provided for in 87-2-116 and purchase of the resident aquatic invasive species prevention pass pursuant to [section 1]; or

- (b) a combination sports license that permits a holder who is 12 years of age or older to exercise all rights granted in subsection (1)(a) and the additional rights granted to holders of a Class A-6 tag upon payment of the sum of \$85.
 - (2) The department may furnish each holder of a combination sports license an appropriate decal."

SECTION 15. SECTION 87-2-816, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"87-2-816. Licenses for legion of valor members -- purple heart awardees. (1) A resident, as defined in 87-2-102, or a nonresident who is a legion of valor member is entitled to fish with a wildlife conservation license issued by the department.

- (2) A resident, as defined in 87-2-102, awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with the purchase of a wildlife conservation license issued by the department pursuant to 87-2-202 and a resident aquatic invasive species prevention pass pursuant to [section 1].
- (3) A nonresident awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with <u>the purchase of</u> a wildlife conservation license issued by the department <u>pursuant to 87-2-202 and a nonresident aquatic invasive species prevention pass pursuant to [section 1]</u> during expeditions arranged for the nonresident by a nonprofit organization that uses fishing and hunting as part of the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.
- (4) The department's general license account must be reimbursed by a quarterly transfer of funds from the general fund to the general license account for license costs associated with the fishing and game bird hunting privileges granted pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) during the preceding calendar quarter. Reimbursement costs must be designated as license revenue."

SECTION 16. SECTION 87-2-817, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"87-2-817. Licenses for service members. (1) A veteran or a disabled member of the armed forces



who meets the qualifications in 87-2-803(9) as a result of a combat-connected injury may apply at a fish, wildlife, and parks office for a regular Class A-3 deer A tag, a Class A-4 deer B tag, a Class B-7 deer A tag, a Class B-8 deer B tag, and a special antelope license made available under 87-2-506(3) for one-half of the license fee. Licenses issued to veterans or disabled members of the armed forces under this part do not count against the number of special antelope licenses reserved for people with permanent disabilities, as provided in 87-2-706.

- (2) (a) A Montana resident who is a member of the Montana national guard or the federal reserve as provided in 10 U.S.C. 10101 or who was otherwise engaged in active duty and who participated in a contingency operation as provided in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13) that required the member to serve at least 2 months outside of the state, upon request and upon presentation of the documentation described in subsection (2)(b), must be issued a free resident wildlife conservation license or a Class AAA resident combination sports license, which may not include a Class A-6 black bear tag, upon payment of the resident base hunting license fee in 87-2-116 and the purchase of the resident aquatic invasive species prevention pass pursuant to [section 1], in the license year that the member returns from military service or in the year following the member's return, based on the member's election, and in any of the 4 years after the member's election.
- (b) To be eligible for the free resident wildlife conservation license or free Class AAA resident combination sports license provided for in subsection (2)(a), an applicant shall, in addition to the written application and proof of residency required in 87-2-202(1), provide to any regional department office or to the department headquarters in Helena, by mail or in person, the member's DD form 214 verifying the member's release or discharge from active duty. The applicant is responsible for providing documentation showing that the applicant participated in a contingency operation as provided in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13).
- (c) A Montana resident who meets the service qualifications of subsection (2)(a) and provides the documentation required in subsection (2)(b) is entitled to a free Class A resident fishing license in the license year that the member returns from military service or in the year following the member's return, based on the member's election, and in any of the 4 years after the member's election.
- (d) The department's general license account must be reimbursed by a quarterly transfer of funds from the general fund to the general license account for costs associated with the free licenses granted pursuant to this subsection (2) during the preceding calendar quarter. Reimbursement costs must be designated as license revenue.
- (3) A member of the armed forces who forfeited a license or permit issued through a drawing as a result of deployment outside of the continental United States in support of a contingency operation as provided in 10



U.S.C. 101(a)(13) is guaranteed the same license or permit, without additional fee, upon application in the year 1 2 of the member's return from deployment or in the first year that the license or permit is made available after the 3 member's return." 4 5 NEW SECTION. Section 14. Codification instruction. (1) [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be 6 codified as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 2, part 5, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 2, part 5, apply 7 to [sections 1 and 2]. 8 (2) [Section 3] is [SECTIONS 3 AND 4] ARE intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15, chapter 9 51, and the provisions of Title 15, chapter 51, apply to [section 3] [SECTIONS 3 AND 4]. 10 (3) [Section 4.5] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15, chapter 16, part 2, and the 11 provisions of Title 15, chapter 16, part 2, apply to [section 4 5]. 12 (4) [Section 6] IS INTENDED TO BE CODIFIED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF TITLE 80, CHAPTER 7, PART 10, AND THE 13 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 80, CHAPTER 7, PART 10, APPLY TO [SECTION 6]. 14 15 NEW SECTION. Section 15. Effective date DATES. (1) [This act] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), [THIS ACT] is effective May 15, 2017. 16 17 (2) [Section 12] is effective July 1, 2019. 18 19 NEW SECTION. Section 16. Applicability. (1) [Section 3] applies [SECTIONS 3 AND 4] APPLY to quarterly 20 periods beginning July 1, 2017. 21 (2) [Section 4] [SECTION 5] applies to tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. 22 23 NEW SECTION. Section 17. Termination. (1) [SECTIONS 3, 4, 10, AND 11] TERMINATE JUNE 30, 2019. 24 (2)(1) [Section 4] and the reference to [section 4] in 80-7-1004 terminate June 30, 2019. (2)(3) [Sections 5 and 9(6) 6 AND 11(6) 7 AND 12(6)] terminate June 30, 2027. 25 26 27 NEW SECTION. Section 17. Codification instruction. (1) [Section 1] IS INTENDED TO BE CODIFIED AS 28 AN INTEGRAL PART OF TITLE 87, CHAPTER 2, PART 1, AND THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 87, CHAPTER 2, PART 1, APPLY TO 29 [SECTION 1]. 30 (2) [SECTIONS 2 AND 3] ARE INTENDED TO BE CODIFIED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF TITLE 15, AND THE PROVISIONS

1	OF TITLE 15 APPLY TO [SECTIONS 2 AND 3].
2	(3) [SECTION 4] IS INTENDED TO BE CODIFIED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF TITLE 80, CHAPTER 7, PART 10, AND THE
3	PROVISIONS OF TITLE 80, CHAPTER 7, PART 10, APPLY TO [SECTION 4].
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5	NEW SECTION. Section 18. Effective dates. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is
6	EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2017.
7	(2) [SECTION 7] IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020.
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9	NEW SECTION. Section 19. Applicability. [Sections 2 and 3] apply to quarterly periods beginning
10	JULY 1, 2017.
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12	NEW SECTION. Section 20. Termination. (1) [Sections 1, 6, 13, 14, 15, and 16] TERMINATE FEBRUARY
13	<u>29, 2020.</u>
14	(2) [SECTIONS 5 AND 7(6)] TERMINATE JUNE 30, 2027.
15	(3) [SECTIONS 2 AND 3] AND THE REFERENCES TO [SECTIONS 2 AND 3] IN [SECTION 6] TERMINATE JUNE 30.
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