

HOUSE BILL NO. 695

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO PURCHASE A RECREATION EASEMENT AT BIG ARM STATE PARK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, there is appropriated to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks for the purchase of a permanent recreation easement at Big Arm state park from the department of natural resources and conservation the following:

- (a) \$5,823,000 from the state special revenue fund established in 87-1-601;
- (b) \$4,677,000 from the federal special revenue fund established in 87-1-601; and
- (c) \$1,500,000 from the state special revenue fund established in 23-1-105.

(2) If donations are received for the purchase of the recreation easement, then the appropriation in subsection (1)(a) must be decreased by the amount of donations received, and the department of fish, wildlife, and parks is authorized to use the donations toward the purchase of the easement.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.

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