

## HOUSE BILL NO. 674

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOCATION OF GAS TAX REVENUE FOR CERTAIN RECREATION PROGRAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS; REVISING PROVISIONS OF USE; AMENDING SECTION 60-3-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 60-3-201, MCA, is amended to read:

**"60-3-201. Distribution and use of proceeds of gasoline tax.** (1) Money received in payment of the gasoline tax under 15-70-403, except those amounts paid out of the department's suspense account for gasoline tax refund, must be deposited as provided in 15-70-403(2) and (3) and used and expended as provided in 15-70-126 and 15-70-127 and this section. After deductions for amounts paid out of the suspense account for gasoline tax refunds, the remainder of the gasoline tax collected under 15-70-403 is allocated as follows:

(a) 9/10 of 1% to the state park account;

(b) ~~45/28~~ 3/4 of 1% to a snowmobile account in the state special revenue fund;

(c) ~~4/8~~ 1/4 of 1% to an off-highway vehicle account in the state special revenue fund;

(d) 1/25 of 1% to the aeronautics revenue fund of the department under the provisions of 67-1-301; and

(e) the remaining amount as provided for in 15-70-126 and 15-70-127.

(2) The department shall, in expending this money, carry forward construction from year to year, using the money expended in accordance with this title. Nothing in this title conflicts with Title 23 of the United States Code and the rules by which it is administered.

(3) The department may enter into cooperative agreements with the national park service and the federal highway administration for the purpose of maintaining national park approach roads in Montana.

(4) Money credited to the state park account in the state special revenue fund may be used only for the creation, improvement, and maintenance of state parks where motorboating is allowed. The legislature finds that of all the fuel sold in the state for consumption in internal combustion engines, except fuel for which refunds have been made, not less than 9/10 of 1% is used for propelling boats on waterways of this state.

(5) (a) Money credited to the snowmobile account may be used only to develop and maintain facilities

1 open to the general public ~~at no admission cost~~, to promote snowmobile safety, for enforcement purposes, and  
2 for the control of noxious weeds.

3 (b) Of the amounts deposited in the snowmobile account:

4 (i) 13% of the amount deposited must be used by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to promote  
5 snowmobile safety and education and to enforce snowmobile laws. Two-thirds of the 13% deposited must be  
6 used to promote snowmobile safety and education and one-third of the 13% deposited must be used for the  
7 enforcement of snowmobile laws.

8 (ii) 1% of the amount deposited must be credited to the noxious weed management special revenue fund  
9 provided for in 80-7-816.

10 (c) The legislature finds that of all fuels sold in this state for consumption in internal combustion engines,  
11 except fuel for which refunds have been made, not less than ~~15/28~~ 3/4 of 1% is used for propelling registered  
12 snowmobiles in this state.

13 (6) (a) Money credited to the off-highway vehicle account under subsection (1)(c) may be used only to  
14 develop and maintain facilities open to the general public ~~at no admission cost~~, to repair areas that are damaged  
15 by off-highway vehicles, and to promote off-highway vehicle safety. Ten percent of the money deposited in the  
16 off-highway vehicle account must be used to promote off-highway vehicle safety. Up to 10% of the money  
17 deposited in the off-highway vehicle account may be used to repair areas that are damaged by off-highway  
18 vehicles.

19 (b) The legislature finds that of all fuel sold in this state for consumption in internal combustion engines,  
20 except fuel for which refunds have been made, not less than ~~4/8~~ 1/4 of 1% is used for propelling off-highway  
21 vehicles in this state.

22 (7) Money credited to the aeronautics account of the department of transportation may be used only to  
23 develop, improve, and maintain facilities open to the public at no admission cost and to promote aviation safety.  
24 The legislature finds that of all the fuel sold in this state for consumption in internal combustion engines, except  
25 fuel for which refunds have been made, not less than 1/25 of 1% is used for propelling aircraft in this state."

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

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