



AN ACT EXEMPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RELATED TO GRANTS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Exemption from environmental review. The department is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when granting federal, state, or private funds for authorized grant activities on private, county, or municipal lands to conserve habitat, reduce wildfire risk, or improve forest health.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 76, chapter 13, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 13, apply to [section 1].

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 594, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

HOUSE BILL NO. 594

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