

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 267
2 INTRODUCED BY C. SPRUNGER, D. LOGE, J. SCHILLINGER, T. SMITH, T. FALK, L. HELLEGAARD, J.
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE SECURING ACCESS TO FEDERAL
6 EXPENDITURES TO REPAIR MONTANA ROADS AND BRIDGES ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A STATUTORY
7 APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
8 DATE."

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10 WHEREAS, state and federal stewardship is necessary for the maintenance of Montana's highway
11 system; and

12 WHEREAS, creating the Securing Access to Federal Expenditures to Repair (SAFER) Montana Roads
13 and Bridges Account will promote safe road transportation across the state; and

14 WHEREAS, establishing the SAFER account as a stable funding source for state match dollars will
15 allow access to one-time-only federal grant opportunities awarded to the state.

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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. Securing access to federal expenditures to repair Montana roads**
20 **and bridges.** There is a securing access to federal expenditures to repair Montana roads and bridges account
21 in the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102.

22 (1) Funds in this account are statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the department
23 of transportation for:

24 (a) providing state match for additional federal funds allocated to the department through federal
25 redistribution; and

26 (b) providing state match for discretionary grants awarded to the department.

27 (2) (a) Total expenditures for state match authorized under this section may not exceed \$15 million
28 in a fiscal year.

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NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 15, chapter 70, part 1, and the provisions of Title 15, chapter 70, part 1, apply to [section 1].

~~COORDINATION SECTION. SECTION 5. COORDINATION INSTRUCTION. (1) IF [THIS ACT] IS PASSED AND APPROVED AND DOES NOT CONTAIN A \$100 MILLION TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND IF ANY OF THE FIVE BILLS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) ARE NOT PASSED AND APPROVED, THEN THE AMOUNT OF THE TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN [THIS ACT] IS \$50 MILLION.~~

~~(2) THE FIVE BILLS ARE:~~

~~(A) HOUSE BILL NO. 192;~~

~~(B) HOUSE BILL NO. 212;~~

~~(C) HOUSE BILL NO. 221;~~

~~(D) HOUSE BILL NO. 222; AND~~

~~(E) HOUSE BILL NO. 251.~~

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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