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1		SENATE	BILL NO. 529	
2		INTRODUCI	ED BY G. HERTZ	
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4	A BILL FOR A	NACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING	G PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS	FOR
5	COMMUNICA	ION AND INTERNET PROPERTY; EX	XEMPTING CERTAIN WIRELESS IN	NFRASTRUCTURE
6	FROM PROPE	RTY TAXATION; REPEALING THE P	ROHIBITION ON USING FEDERAL	FUNDS WHEN
7	RECEIVING T	HE FIBER OPTIC OR COAXIAL CABL	E ABATEMENT; <u>REQUIRING WIRE</u>	ELESS
8	INFRASTRUC	TURE TO BE PLACED IN SERVICE B	EFORE A SPECIFIC DATE; PROHI	BITING AN
9	<u>ABATEMENT</u>	FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE	IF FEDERAL OR STATE GRANT F	UNDS WERE USED;
10	PROVIDING F	EPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMEN	DING SECTIONS 15-6-135, 15-6-15	56, 15-6-219, AND 15-
11	6-243, MCA; A	ND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DAT	E AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."	
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13	BE IT ENACT	D BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE S	TATE OF MONTANA:	
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15	Sectio	n 1. Section 15-6-135, MCA, is amend	ed to read:	
16	"15-6-	35. Class five property descripti	on taxable percentage exemp	tion. (1) Class five
17	property includ	es:		
18	(a)	all property used and owned by coop	erative rural electrical and cooperativ	ve rural telephone
19	associations organized under the laws of Montana, except property owned by cooperative organizations			
20	described in 1	-6-137(1)(a);		
21	(b)	air and water pollution control and ca	rbon capture equipment as defined i	n this section;
22	(c)	new industrial property as defined in	this section;	
23	(d)	any personal or real property used pr	imarily in the production of ethanol-b	plended gasoline
24	during constru	tion and for the first 3 years of its oper	ation;	
25	(e)	all land and improvements and all pe	rsonal property owned by a research	ו and development
26	firm, provided	hat the property is actively devoted to	research and development;	
27	(f)	machinery and equipment used in ele	ectrolytic reduction facilities;	



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- 1 (g) all property used and owned by persons, firms, corporations, or other organizations that are 2 engaged in the business of furnishing telecommunications services exclusively to rural areas or to rural areas 3 and cities and towns of 1,200 permanent residents or less.
- 4 (a) "Air and water pollution control and carbon capture equipment" means that portion of (2) 5 identifiable property, facilities, machinery, devices, or equipment certified as provided in subsections (2)(b) and 6 (2)(c) and designed, constructed, under construction, or operated for removing, disposing, abating, treating, 7 eliminating, destroying, neutralizing, stabilizing, rendering inert, storing, or preventing the creation of air or 8 water pollutants that, except for the use of the item, would be released to the environment. This includes 9 machinery, devices, or equipment used to capture carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases. Reduction in 10 pollutants obtained through operational techniques without specific facilities, machinery, devices, or equipment 11 is not eligible for certification under this section.
- (b) Requests for certification must be made on forms available from the department of revenue.
 Certification may not be granted unless the applicant is in substantial compliance with all applicable rules, laws,
- orders, or permit conditions. Certification remains in effect only as long as substantial compliance continues.
- 15 The department of environmental quality shall promulgate rules specifying procedures, (c) 16 including timeframes for certification application, and definitions necessary to identify air and water pollution 17 control and carbon capture equipment for certification and compliance. The department of revenue shall 18 promulgate rules pertaining to the valuation of qualifying air and water pollution control and carbon capture 19 equipment. The department of environmental quality shall identify and track compliance in the use of certified 20 air and water pollution control and carbon capture equipment and report continuous acts or patterns of 21 noncompliance at a facility to the department of revenue. Casual or isolated incidents of noncompliance at a 22 facility do not affect certification.

(d) To qualify for the exemption under subsection (5)(b)(i), the air and water pollution control and
 carbon capture equipment must be placed into service after January 1, 2014, for the purposes of environmental
 benefit or to comply with state or federal pollution control regulations. If the air or water pollution control and
 carbon capture equipment enhances the performance of existing air and water pollution control and carbon
 capture equipment, only the market value of the enhancement is subject to the exemption under subsection



- 2023 68th Legislature 2023 Drafter: Megan Moore, 406-444-4496 SB0529.004.001 1 (5)(b)(i). 2 (e) Except as provided in subsection (2)(d), equipment that does not qualify for the exemption 3 under subsection (5)(b)(i) includes but is not limited to equipment placed into service to maintain, replace, or 4 repair equipment installed on or before January 1, 2014. 5 A person may appeal the certification, classification, and valuation of the property to the (f) 6 Montana tax appeal board. Appeals on the property certification must name the department of environmental 7 quality as the respondent, and appeals on the classification or valuation of the equipment must name the 8 department of revenue as the respondent. 9 (3) (a) "New industrial property" means any new industrial plant, including land, buildings, 10 machinery, and fixtures, used by new industries during the first 3 years of their operation. The property may not 11 have been assessed within the state of Montana prior to July 1, 1961. 12 New industrial property does not include: (b) property used by retail or wholesale merchants, commercial services of any type, agriculture, 13 (i) 14 trades, or professions unless the business or profession meets the requirements of subsection (4)(b)(v); 15 a plant that will create adverse impact on existing state, county, or municipal services; or (ii) 16 (iii) property used or employed in an industrial plant that has been in operation in this state for 3 17 years or longer. 18 (4) (a) "New industry" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership, association, or other 19 group that establishes a new plant in Montana for the operation of a new industrial endeavor, as distinguished 20 from a mere expansion, reorganization, or merger of an existing industry. 21 New industry includes only those industries that: (b) 22 (i) manufacture, mill, mine, produce, process, or fabricate materials; 23 (ii) do similar work, employing capital and labor, in which materials unserviceable in their natural 24 state are extracted, processed, or made fit for use or are substantially altered or treated so as to create 25 commercial products or materials; 26 (iii) engage in the mechanical or chemical transformation of materials or substances into new 27 products in the manner defined as manufacturing in the North American Industry Classification System Manual



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27 available to the department for inspection upon request.



- 2023 68th Legislature 2023 Drafter: Megan Moore, 406-444-4496 SB0529.004.001 1 (6) (a) The property taxes exempted from taxation by subsection (5)(b)(ii) are subject to 2 termination or recapture if the department determines that the owner failed to install and place in service new 3 coaxial or fiber cable or wireless infrastructure in Montana as provided in subsection (5)(b)(ii) or otherwise 4 violates the provisions of this section. 5 Upon notice from the department that the owner's exemption has terminated, any local (b) 6 governing body may recapture taxes previously exempted in that jurisdiction, plus interest and penalties for 7 nonpayment of property taxes as provided in 15-16-102, during any tax year in which an exemption under the 8 provisions of subsection (5)(b)(ii) was improper. Any recapture must occur within 10 years after the end of the 9 calendar year in which the exemption was first claimed. 10 (c) The recapture of abated taxes may be cancelled, in whole or in part, if the local governing body 11 determines that the taxpayer's failure to meet the requirements is a result of circumstances beyond the control 12 of the taxpayer. 13 (7)THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE MUST 14 BE FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLED IN RURAL AREAS, AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A FEDERALLY 15 RECOGNIZED INDIAN RESERVATION, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE WITH LITTLE OR NO CURRENT WIRELESS SERVICES. 16 THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE DOES NOT APPLY IF ANY (7) 17 PORTION OF THE WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE IS INSTALLED OR PLACED INTO SERVICE USING FEDERAL OR STATE 18 GRANTS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAID." 19 20 Section 2. Section 15-6-156, MCA, is amended to read: 21 "15-6-156. Class thirteen property -- description -- taxable percentage. (1) Except as provided in 22 subsections (2)(a) through (2)(i), class thirteen property includes: 23 electrical generation facilities, except wind generation facilities, biomass generation facilities, (a) 24 and energy storage facilities classified under 15-6-157, of a centrally assessed electric power company; 25 (b) electrical generation facilities, except wind generation facilities, biomass generation facilities, 26 and energy storage facilities classified under 15-6-157, owned or operated by an exempt wholesale generator 27 or an entity certified as an exempt wholesale generator pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 16451;



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1	(c)	noncentrally assessed electrical generation facilities, except wind generation fac	
2	-	ilities, and energy storage facilities classified under 15-6-157, owned or operated b	by any
3	electrical energ	gy producer;	
4	(d)	allocations of centrally assessed telecommunications services companies; and	
5	(e)	dedicated communications infrastructure described in 15-6-162(5) for which con-	struction
6	commenced af	fter June 30, 2027, or for which the 15-year period provided for in 15-6-162(5)(c) h	as expired.
7	(2)	Class thirteen property does not include:	
8	(a)	property owned by cooperative rural electric cooperative associations classified	under 15-6-
9	135;		
10	(b)	property owned by cooperative rural electric cooperative associations classified	under 15-6-137
11	or 15-6-157;		
12	(c)	allocations of electric power company property under 15-6-141;	
13	(d)	electrical generation facilities included in another class of property;	
14	(e)	property owned by cooperative rural telephone associations and classified under	r 15-6-135;
15	(f)	property owned by organizations providing telecommunications services and cla	ssified under
16	15-6-135;		
17	(g)	generation facilities that are exempt under 15-6-225;	
18	(h)	qualified data centers classified under 15-6-162; and	
19	(i)	property classified under 15-6-163.	
20	(3)	For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:	
21	(a)	(i) "Electrical generation facilities" means any combination of a physically connect	cted generator
22	or generators,	associated prime movers, and other associated property, including appurtenant la	nd and
23	improvements and personal property, that are normally operated together to produce electric power. The term		
24	includes but is not limited to generating facilities that produce electricity from coal-fired steam turbines, oil or		
25	gas turbines, tu	urbine generators that are driven by falling water, or solar panel systems.	
26	(ii)	The term does not include electrical generation facilities used for noncommercia	l purposes or
27	exclusively for	agricultural purposes.	



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1 value.

2 (b) (i) Except as provided in subsection (4)(b)(ii), fiber Fiber PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6), FIBER 3 FIBER optic or coaxial cable installed and placed in service on or after July 1, 2021, and, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION 4 (6)(A), wireless infrastructure placed in service on or after [the effective date of this act] AND BEFORE JULY 1, 5 2031, is exempt from taxation for a period of 5 years starting from the date the fiber optic or coaxial cable or 6 wireless infrastructure was placed in service, after which the property exemption is phased out at a rate of 20% 7 a year, with the property being assessed at 100% of its taxable value after a 10-year period. In order to 8 maintain the exemption, the owner of fiber optic or coaxial cable or wireless infrastructure shall reinvest the tax 9 savings from the exemption by installing and placing in service new fiber optic or coaxial cable or wireless 10 infrastructure in Montana within 2 years from the date the owner first claimed the exemption provided for in this 11 subsection (4)(b) without charging those costs to the consumer. The cost of installing or placing into service 12 fiber optic or coaxial cable or wireless infrastructure with the reinvested tax savings without charging those 13 costs to the consumer must be equal to or greater than the value of the tax savings received from the tax 14 incentive. (ii) Fiber optic or coaxial cable installed using federal funds received pursuant to Section 9901 of the 15 16 American Rescue Plan Act is not eligible for exemption from taxation under this section. 17 (iii) (iii) An entity that claims a tax exemption under this subsection (4)(b) shall maintain adequate 18 books and records demonstrating the investment the owner made when installing and placing in service fiber 19 optic or coaxial cable or wireless infrastructure in Montana. The property owners shall make those records 20 available to the department for inspection upon request. 21 (5) (a) The property taxes exempted from taxation by subsection (4)(b) are subject to termination 22 or recapture if the department determines that the owner failed to install and place in service new coaxial or 23 fiber cable or wireless infrastructure in Montana as provided in subsection (4)(b) or otherwise violates the 24 provisions of this section. 25 (b) Upon notice from the department that the owner's exemption has terminated, any local

- 26 governing body may recapture taxes previously exempted in that jurisdiction, plus interest and penalties for
- 27 nonpayment of property taxes as provided in 15-16-102, during any tax year in which an exemption under the



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1	provisions of th	nis section was improper. Any recapture must occur within 10 years after the end	of the calendar
2	year in which t	he exemption was first claimed.	
3	(c)	The recapture of abated taxes may be cancelled, in whole or in part, if the local	governing body
4	determines that	at the taxpayer's failure to meet the requirements is a result of circumstances beyo	ond the control
5	of the taxpayer	r.	
6	<u>(6)</u>	THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION FOR WIRELESS INFRASTI	RUCTURE MUST
7	BE FOR WIRELES	SS INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLED IN RURAL AREAS, AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A	FEDERALLY
8	RECOGNIZED IN	DIAN RESERVATION, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE WITH LITTLE OR NO CURRENT WIR	ELESS SERVICES.
9	<u>(6)</u>	THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION FOR WIRELESS INFRAST	RUCTURE:
10	<u>(A)</u>	MUST BE FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLED IN RURAL AREAS, AREAS WITHIN	LTHE
11	BOUNDARIES OF	A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN RESERVATION, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE WI	TH LITTLE OR NO
12	CURRENT WIREL	LESS SERVICES; AND	
13	<u>(В)</u>	DO NOT APPLY IF ANY PORTION OF THE WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE IS INSTALLED OR	PLACED INTO
14	SERVICE USING	FEDERAL OR STATE GRANTS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAID."	
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16	Sectio	on 3. Section 15-6-219, MCA, is amended to read:	
17	"15-6-2	219. Personal and other property exemptions. (1) The following categories of	f property are
18	exempt from ta	axation:	
19	(a)	harness, saddlery, and other tack equipment;	
20	(b)	the first \$15,000 or less of market value of tools owned by the taxpayer that are	customarily
21	hand-held and	that are used to:	
22	(i)	construct, repair, and maintain improvements to real property; or	
23	(ii)	repair and maintain machinery, equipment, appliances, or other personal prope	rty;
24	(c)	all household goods and furniture, including but not limited to clocks, musical in	struments,
25	sewing machin	nes, and wearing apparel of members of the family, used by the owner for persona	al and domestic
26	purposes or fo	r furnishing or equipping the family residence;	
27	(d)	a bicycle or a moped, as defined in 61-8-102, used by the owner for personal tr	ansportation



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1	purposes;			
2	(e)	items of personal property intended for rent or lease in the ordinary course of business if each		
3	item of persona	al property satisfies all of the following:		
4	(i)	the acquired cost of the personal property is less than \$15,000;		
5	(ii)	the personal property is owned by a business whose primary business income is from rental or		
6	lease of persor	nal property to individuals and no one customer of the business accounts for more than 10% of		
7	the total rental	s or leases during a calendar year; and		
8	(iii)	the lease of the personal property is generally on an hourly, daily, weekly, semimonthly, or		
9	monthly basis;			
10	(f)	space vehicles and all machinery, fixtures, equipment, and tools used in the design,		
11	manufacture, la	aunch, repair, and maintenance of space vehicles that are owned by businesses engaged in		
12	manufacturing	and launching space vehicles in the state or that are owned by a contractor or subcontractor of		
13	that business a	and that are directly used for space vehicle design, manufacture, launch, repair, and		
14	maintenance;			
15	(g)	a title plant owned by a title insurer or a title insurance producer, as those terms are defined in		
16	33-25-105;			
17	(h)	air and water pollution control and carbon capture equipment, as defined in 15-6-135, placed in		
18	service after Ja	anuary 1, 2014;		
19	(i)	a housetrailer, manufactured home, or mobile home that receives an exemption from the		
20	department ba	ased on abandonment, as provided in 15-6-242;		
21	(j)	PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3), fiber optic or coaxial cable, as defined in 15-6-156, installed and		
22	placed in servi	ice on or after July 1, 2021, and wireless infrastructure, as defined in 15-6-156, placed in service		
23	on or after [the	e effective date of this act] AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, for a period of 5 years starting from the date		
24	placed in servi	ice as provided in 15-6-156, if the owner of fiber optic or coaxial cable or wireless infrastructure		
25	reinvests the ta	ax savings from the exemption by installing and placing in service new fiber optic or coaxial cable		
26	or wireless infr	rastructure in Montana within 2 years from the date the owner first claimed the exemption		
27	provided for in	this subsection $(1)(j)$ without charging those costs to the consumer. The cost of installing or		



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1 placing into service fiber optic or coaxial cable <u>or wireless infrastructure</u> with the reinvested tax savings without

2 charging those costs to the consumer must be equal to or greater than the value of the tax savings received

3 from the tax incentive. An entity that claims a tax exemption under this subsection (1)(j) shall maintain adequate

4 books and records demonstrating the investment the owner made when installing and placing in service fiber

5 optic or coaxial cable <u>or wireless infrastructure in Montana</u>. The property owners shall make those records

6 available to the department for inspection upon request. THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1)(J) FOR

7 WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE DOES NOT APPLY IF ANY PORTION OF THE WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE IS INSTALLED OR

8 PLACED INTO SERVICE USING FEDERAL OR STATE GRANTS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REPAID.

9 (k) personal property used in the manufacture of ammunition components as provided in 30-20-10 204.

(2) (a) The property taxes exempted from taxation by subsection (1)(j) are subject to termination or
 recapture if the department determines that the owner failed to install and place in service new coaxial or fiber
 cable <u>or wireless infrastructure</u> in Montana as provided for in subsection (1)(j) or otherwise violates the

14 provisions of this section.

(b) Upon notice from the department that the owner's exemption has terminated, any local
governing body may recapture taxes previously exempted in that jurisdiction, plus interest and penalties for
nonpayment of property taxes as provided in 15-16-102, during any tax year in which an exemption under the
provisions of this section was improper. Any recapture must occur within 10 years after the end of the calendar
year in which the exemption was first claimed.

20 (c) The recapture of abated taxes may be cancelled, in whole or in part, if the local governing body 21 determines that the taxpayer's failure to meet the requirements is a result of circumstances beyond the control 22 of the taxpayer.

23 (3) The property tax exemptions provided in this section for wireless infrastructure must
 24 <u>BE FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLED IN RURAL AREAS, AREAS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A FEDERALLY</u>
 25 <u>RECOGNIZED INDIAN RESERVATION, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE WITH LITTLE OR NO CURRENT WIRELESS</u>

26 <u>SERVICES</u>. (Subsection (1)(k) terminates December 31, 2024--sec. 16, Ch. 440, L. 2015.)"

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	1	Section	1 4. Section 15-6-243	, MCA, is amended to read:	
	2	"15-6-24	43. Fiber optic or o	coaxial cable abatement <u>wireless inf</u>	i <u>rastructure abatement </u> review
;	3 a r	nd comment l	by local taxing juris	dictions REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE FINAN	CE-revenue interim COMMITTEE.
	4 <u>(1</u>	<u>)</u> The departm	nent shall establish a	page on its website to enable:	
	5	(1)<u>(</u>A)	owners of fiber optic	or coaxial cable or wireless infrastructur	<u>e</u> intending to take advantage of
(6 th	e tax abateme	ent provisions in 15-6	-135, 15-6-156, and 15-6-219 to notify lo	cal governing bodies of the
	7 lo	cation or locat	ions in which they int	end to place in service fiber optic or coa	xial cable <u>or wireless</u>
ł	8 <u>in</u>	f <u>rastructure</u> ; a	nd		
9	9	(2)<u>(</u>В)	local governing bodi	es to post comments on such projects id	entified by owners of fiber optic or
1	0 сс	oaxial cable <u>or</u>	wireless infrastructu	re as provided in subsection (1)(<u>A)</u> .	
1	1	<u>(2)</u>	THE DEPARTMENT SH	ALL PROVIDE A REPORT BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF	FEACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR TO
1	2 <u>⊺⊦</u>	IE LEGISLATIVE	FINANCE-revenue inte	erim COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5-11	1-210 IDENTIFYING THE DEPLOYMENT
1	3 <u>AN</u>	ND USE OF THE	WIRELESS INFRASTRUC	CTURE ABATEMENT PROVIDED UNDER 15-6-	135, 15-6-156, AND 15-6-219."
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1	5	NEW S	ECTION. Section 5.	Effective date. [This act] is effective Ju	uly 1, 2023.
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1	7	COORE	DINATION SECTION	. SECTION 6. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIO	N. IF BOTH HOUSE BILL NO. 110 AND
1	8 🖽	HIS ACT] ARE PA	ASSED AND APPROVED	, THEN THE REFERENCES IN [THIS ACT] TO "L	EGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE" IN
1	9 <mark>[s</mark>	ECTION 4], AME	ENDING 15-6-243, MUS	T BE CHANGED TO "GENERAL GOVERNMENT	BUDGET COMMITTEE".
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2	1	NEW S	ECTION. Section 6.	Applicability. [This act] applies to fiber	r optic or coaxial cable and
2	2 wi	wireless infrastructure placed in service on or after [the effective date of this act].			
2	3			- END -	