

HOUSE BILL NO. 267

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE SECURING ACCESS TO FEDERAL EXPENDITURES TO REPAIR MONTANA ROADS AND BRIDGES ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

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

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Securing access to federal expenditures to repair Montana roads and bridges. There is a securing access to federal expenditures to repair Montana roads and bridges account in the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102.

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

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

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

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

1 (b) Expenditures made pursuant to this section must be for construction and reconstruction
2 prioritized by the transportation commission pursuant to 60-2-110.

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4 **Section 2.** Section 17-7-502, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"17-7-502. Statutory appropriations -- definition -- requisites for validity.** (1) A statutory
6 appropriation is an appropriation made by permanent law that authorizes spending by a state agency without
7 the need for a biennial legislative appropriation or budget amendment.

8 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), to be effective, a statutory appropriation must comply with
9 both of the following provisions:

10 (a) The law containing the statutory authority must be listed in subsection (3).

11 (b) The law or portion of the law making a statutory appropriation must specifically state that a
12 statutory appropriation is made as provided in this section.

13 (3) The following laws are the only laws containing statutory appropriations: 2-17-105; 5-11-120; 5-
14 11-407; 5-13-403; 5-13-404; 7-4-2502; 7-4-2924; 7-32-236; 10-1-108; 10-1-1202; 10-1-1303; 10-2-603; 10-2-
15 807; 10-3-203; 10-3-310; 10-3-312; 10-3-314; 10-3-802; 10-3-1304; 10-4-304; 10-4-310; 15-1-121; 15-1-218;
16 15-31-165; 15-31-1004; 15-31-1005; 15-35-108; 15-36-332; 15-37-117; 15-39-110; 15-65-121; 15-70-101; 15-
17 70-130; section 1; 15-70-433; 16-11-119; 16-11-509; 17-3-106; 17-3-212; 17-3-222; 17-3-241; 17-6-101; 17-7-
18 215; 18-11-112; 19-3-319; 19-3-320; 19-6-404; 19-6-410; 19-9-702; 19-13-604; 19-17-301; 19-18-512; 19-19-
19 305; 19-19-506; 19-20-604; 19-20-607; 19-21-203; 20-8-107; 20-9-534; 20-9-622; [20-15-328]; 20-26-617; 20-
20 26-1503; 22-1-327; 22-3-116; 22-3-117; [22-3-1004]; 23-4-105; 23-5-306; 23-5-409; 23-5-612; 23-7-301; 23-7-
21 402; 30-10-1004; 37-43-204; 37-50-209; 37-54-113; 39-71-503; 41-5-2011; 42-2-105; 44-4-1101; 44-12-213;
22 44-13-102; 46-32-108; 50-1-115; 53-1-109; 53-6-148; 53-9-113; 53-24-108; 53-24-206; 60-5-530; 60-11-115;
23 61-3-321; 61-3-415; 67-1-309; 69-3-870; 69-4-527; 75-1-1101; 75-5-1108; 75-6-214; 75-11-313; 75-26-308; 76-
24 13-150; 76-13-151; 76-13-417; 76-17-103; 77-1-108; 77-2-362; 80-2-222; 80-4-416; 80-11-518; 80-11-1006;
25 81-1-112; 81-1-113; 81-7-106; 81-7-123; 81-10-103; 82-11-161; 85-2-526; 85-20-1504; 85-20-1505; [85-25-
26 102]; 87-1-603; 87-5-909; 90-1-115; 90-1-205; 90-1-504; 90-6-331; and 90-9-306.

27 (4) There is a statutory appropriation to pay the principal, interest, premiums, and costs of issuing,
28 paying, and securing all bonds, notes, or other obligations, as due, that have been authorized and issued

1 pursuant to the laws of Montana. Agencies that have entered into agreements authorized by the laws of
2 Montana to pay the state treasurer, for deposit in accordance with 17-2-101 through 17-2-107, as determined
3 by the state treasurer, an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest as due on the bonds or notes have
4 statutory appropriation authority for the payments. (In subsection (3): pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 360, L. 1999, the
5 inclusion of 19-20-604 terminates contingently when the amortization period for the teachers' retirement
6 system's unfunded liability is 10 years or less; pursuant to sec. 73, Ch. 44, L. 2007, the inclusion of 19-6-410
7 terminates contingently upon the death of the last recipient eligible under 19-6-709(2) for the supplemental
8 benefit provided by 19-6-709; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 383, L. 2015, the inclusion of 85-25-102 is effective on
9 occurrence of contingency; pursuant to sec. 6, Ch. 423, L. 2015, the inclusion of 22-3-116 and 22-3-117
10 terminates June 30, 2025; pursuant to sec. 12, Ch. 55, L. 2017, the inclusion of 37-54-113 terminates June 30,
11 2023; pursuant to sec. 4, Ch. 122, L. 2017, the inclusion of 10-3-1304 terminates September 30, 2025;
12 pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 213, L. 2017, the inclusion of 90-6-331 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to secs. 5, 8,
13 Ch. 284, L. 2017, the inclusion of 81-1-112, 81-1-113, and 81-7-106 terminates June 30, 2023; pursuant to sec.
14 1, Ch. 340, L. 2017, the inclusion of 22-1-327 terminates July 1, 2023; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 374, L. 2017,
15 the inclusion of 76-17-103 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 50, L. 2019, the inclusion of 37-50-
16 209 terminates September 30, 2023; pursuant to sec. 1, Ch. 408, L. 2019, the inclusion of 17-7-215 terminates
17 June 30, 2029; pursuant to secs. 11, 12, and 14, Ch. 343, L. 2019, the inclusion of 15-35-108 terminates June
18 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 7, Ch. 465, L. 2019, the inclusion of 85-2-526 terminates July 1, 2023; pursuant to
19 sec. 5, Ch. 477, L. 2019, the inclusion of 10-3-802 terminates June 30, 2023; pursuant to secs. 1, 2, 3, Ch. 139,
20 L. 2021, the inclusion of 53-9-113 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 8, Ch. 200, L. 2021, the inclusion
21 of 10-4-310 terminates July 1, 2031; pursuant to secs. 3, 4, Ch. 404, L. 2021, the inclusion of 30-10-1004
22 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 5, Ch. 548, L. 2021, the inclusion of 50-1-115 terminates June 30,
23 2025; pursuant to secs. 5 and 12, Ch. 563, L. 2021, the inclusion of 22-3-1004 is effective July 1, 2027; and
24 pursuant to sec. 15, Ch. 574, L. 2021, the inclusion of 46-32-108 terminates June 30, 2023.)"

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26 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Transfer of funds.** Before June 30, 2023, the state treasurer shall
27 transfer \$100 million from the general fund to the securing access to federal expenditures to repair Montana
28 roads and bridges account provided for in [section 1].

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

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