



AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO AMEND DEQ4 TO ALLOW FOR DRAIN SYSTEMS IN AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN CUT OR FILLED TO BE USED FOR NEW SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Department to amend rules and circular. The department of environmental quality, under its authority to promulgate rules pursuant to 75-5-305 and 76-4-104, shall amend the technical standards found in DEQ4 and all necessary administrative rules to allow for a new subsurface wastewater treatment system in an area that has been cut or filled.

(2) The amendments to DEQ4 and all necessary administrative rules required in subsection (1) must provide that soil testing conditions and 4 feet of natural soil separation to a limiting layer are required. Cut or fill may not be used to provide the required vertical or horizontal separation under rule or circular.

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 592, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY J. HINKLE

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