**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By **********

By Request of the *********

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act providing the economic affairs interim committee with review authority over the Montana alcoholic beverage code; amending sections 5-5-223, and 5-5-227, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 5-5-223, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-5-223. Economic affairs interim committee. (1) The economic affairs interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the following executive branch agencies and the entities attached to agencies for administrative purposes:

(a) department of agriculture;

(b) department of commerce;

(c) department of labor and industry;

(d) department of livestock;

(e) office of the state auditor and insurance commissioner;

(f) office of economic development;

(g) the state compensation insurance fund provided for in 39-71-2313, including the board of directors of the state compensation insurance fund established in 2-15-1019; ~~and~~

(h) the division of banking and financial institutions provided for in 32-1-211; and

(i) the department of revenue's division administering the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code in Title 16.

(2) The state compensation insurance fund shall annually provide to the committee a report on its budget as approved by the state compensation insurance fund board of directors."

{*Internal References to 5-5-223:*
*2-15-1019 [x] 2-15-2511 [x] 5-11-105 *[x] 90-1-503 [x]*}

Section 2. Section 5-5-227, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-5-227. Revenue and transportation interim committee -- powers and duties -- revenue estimating and use of estimates. (1) The revenue and transportation interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the department of revenue and the department of transportation, for the entities attached to the departments for administrative purposes, except for department of revenue's division administering the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code in Title 16, and for the state tax appeal board established in 2-15-1015.

(2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.

(b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a

special session of the legislature in which a revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of projected revenue. The revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session under 5-3-101.

(3) The committee's estimate, as introduced in the legislature, constitutes the legislature's current revenue estimate until amended or until final adoption of the estimate by both houses. It is intended that the legislature's estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates will be used by all agencies with responsibilities for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes.

(4) The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the committee. The committee may request the assistance of the staffs of the office of the legislative fiscal analyst, the legislative auditor, the department of revenue, and any other agency that has information regarding any of the tax or revenue bases of the state."

{*Internal References to 5-5-227:*
5-3-101 [x] *5-4-205 [x]* *5-11-105 *[x]* *17-7-140 [x]* }

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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