

BACKGROUND

The 2023 Legislature passed numerous bills involving economic affairs. This summary provides an overview of major legislation – excluding the budget provisions of House Bill 2 – in the economic affairs area. It focuses primarily on legislation that was approved by the Legislature. However, it also includes bills that were vetoed by the governor.

Legislation is summarized by topic, unless the bill was introduced at the request of the committee or an agency, in which case the legislation is listed in the interim committee and agency section. The Miscellaneous section contains legislation that is tangentially connected with economic affairs, either impacting an agency program or if the legislation was heard by one of the session committees.

BILLS AFFECTING EAIC DUTIES

HB 400 Chapter 496	Eliminates the option for an executive agency to provide an oral report to the legislature instead of a written report. <i>(B. Mercer)</i>
HB 948 Chapter 746	Prohibits the manufacture and distribution of synthetic marijuana products; creates a temporary advisory council to review available research, data, and regulations related to synthetic marijuana products, compile findings and make recommendations in a report to the EAIC by September 15, 2024. <i>(S. Galloway)</i>
SB 53 Chapter 228	Revises laws relating to weights and measures fees collected by the Department of Labor and Industry; requires biennial reporting to EAIC concerning license fees and cost increases under 30-12-203, MCA – licensing of weighing devices. <i>(DLI/M. Lang)</i>
SB 374 Chapter 454 (2021)	Allows medical practitioners to dispense drugs to patients; establishes requirements for and limitations on medical practitioner dispensing, including requiring registration; provides rulemaking authority. Requires the Board of Pharmacy to report on registration, enforcement, and other actions to the EAIC by September 30, 2023. <i>(C. Smith)</i>
SB 397 Chapter 781	Establishes the Facial Recognition for Government Use Act; prohibits the use of facial recognition technology in certain instances; provides exemptions for law enforcement and under certain conditions; requires reporting by the Department of Justice and any state agency using facial recognition technology to the EAIC by September 1 of each year. <i>(K. Bogner)</i>

INTERIM COMMITTEE AND AGENCY REQUESTED LEGISLATION

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

During the 2021-2022 interim, the EAIC requested three bill drafts. Of the three drafted and introduced, two were passed and approved:

- HB 128
Chapter 712 Generally revises marijuana law and provides cleanup to HB701 from the 2021 session. Legislation is the product of the interim study done on the recreational marijuana program implementation. Clarifies monitoring duties, extends the moratorium for new marijuana licenses, transfers the authority over marijuana testing laboratories from the Department of Public Health and Human Services to the Department of Revenue, clarifies the formula for municipal tax revenue allocation, revises definitions. *(Sponsor: J. Kassmier)*
- SB 22
Chapter 224 Revises independent contractor laws, provides a department (labor and industry) analysis relating to the employment status of a person, revises laws relating to independent contractor exemption certificates. *(Sponsor: S. Morigeau)*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Department of Agriculture requested five bill drafts. Of the three drafted and introduced, all were passed and approved:

- HB 93
Chapter 65 Eliminates the noxious weed seed free forage advisory council; transfers duties to the noxious weed management advisory council; revises the makeup of the noxious weed management advisory council. *(Sponsor: P. Green)*
- HB 94
Chapter 66 Repeals Montana huckleberry filing law requirements. *(Sponsor: P. Green)*
- HB 113
Chapter 26 Repeals the requirements for licensing of hucksters. *(Sponsor: G. Kmetz)*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Department of Commerce requested ten bill drafts. Of the four drafted and introduced, three were passed and approved:

- HB 125
Chapter 137 Revises public notice laws for Montana Facility Finance Authority public hearings; requires a city or county to notify the authority of a public hearing within 30 days after receipt of the notice; requires publication of hearings on a government website in addition to a newspaper. *(Sponsor: F. Anderson)*
- HB 143
Chapter 92 Revises the composition of the Tourism Advisory Council; reduces the maximum number of council members from 12 to 9 members. *(Sponsor: J. Dooling)*
- SB 80
Chapter 16 Authorizes the Department of Commerce to retain interest earned on the Gap Financing Program Account, which is money deposited into an account from an appropriation in Chapter 400, Laws of 2015. *(Sponsor: M. Fox)*

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Department of Labor and Industry requested nine bill drafts. Of the nine drafted and introduced, eight were passed and approved:

- HB 41
Chapter 54 Expands incumbent worker training eligibility and awards; revises definitions; provides for categories of eligible employers; revises award disbursement laws; requires the department's funds to remain in the program for future awards. *(Sponsor: J. Bergstrom)*
- HB 67
Chapter 8 Repeals the termination date pertaining to registry fees for real estate appraisers. *(Sponsor: N. Nicol)*
- HB 87
Chapter 620 Revises laws related to licensing boards; establishes standards for appointments, qualifications, and terms for licensing boards; provides for standardized licensing board organization and compensation; revises requirements to review requests to create a new licensing board; allows the department to charge fees; adds licensing programs to the review required for new licensing boards. *(Sponsor: B. Mercer)*
- HB 115
Chapter 366 Revises laws related to licensing boards; consolidates and clarifies penalties for unlicensed practice; establishes a policy allowing the department to issue cease and desist orders; provides for uniform civil penalties for violations; allocates penalties to special revenue and general funds; allows boards and the department to issue injunctions; provides for criminal penalties; establishes acts that are considered unprofessional conduct for pharmacists; repeals penalty provisions in individual board statutes. *(Sponsor: B. Mercer)*

HB 137 Chapter 713	Revises licensing and certification requirements for behavioral health practitioners; establishes experience and education requirements; provides confidentiality, immunity, and rulemaking authority. <i>(Sponsor: G. Oblander)</i>
HB 142 Chapter 70	Revises laws related to unemployment insurance and false claims; ensures appropriate restitution for false claims; clarifies that theft from unemployment insurance is theft from a public agency. <i>(Sponsor: J. Lynch)</i>
HB 154 Chapter 246	Revises laws related to nursing licensing; revises Medication Aide II qualifications relating to work experience. <i>(Sponsor: P. Tuss)</i>
SB 53 Chapter 228	Revises laws relating to weights and measures fees collected by the department; provides rulemaking authority to the department on fees for weights and measures; limits the fee increase on a license for a weighing device; establishes reporting requirements; requires a one-time-only transfer of funds. <i>(Sponsor: M. Lang)</i>

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division requested thirty-six bill drafts. Of the thirty-one drafted and introduced, twenty-nine were passed and approved:

HB 31 Chapter 53	Revises alcoholic beverage laws related to academic brewer licenses; allows a unit of the Montana University System or a Montana community college that is part of a community college district the ability to apply for an academic brewer license; defines a postsecondary institution. <i>(Sponsor: R. Fitzgerald)</i>
HB 43 Chapter 6	Revises alcohol laws relating to the death or incapacity of a licensee or owner of a license; provides requirements for certain parties to notify the department; provides for department rulemaking authority. <i>(Sponsor: R. Marshall)</i>
HB 48 Chapter 55	Revises alcohol laws relating to storage depots; allows distilleries, wineries, and breweries to maintain and operate storage depots; requires licensees to pay a fee for each licensed storage depot location. <i>(Sponsor: T. Brockman)</i>
HB 49 Chapter 118	Revises laws relating to beer wholesaler and table wine distributor agreements; requires a wholesaler to notify a beer importer of the filing of an agreement with the department; requires a table wine distributor to notify the supplier of a filing of an agreement with the department. <i>(Sponsor: T. Brockman)</i>
HB 50 Chapter 56	Revises alcohol laws to remove an exception in 16-4-105 that no longer applies to restaurant beer and wine licenses. <i>(Sponsor: T. Brockman)</i>

HB 68 Chapter 60	Revises laws relating to the sale of beer and wine licenses; creates retail beer and wine licenses by combining retail beer licenses with wine amendments; eliminates wine amendments; revises annual fees; revises golf course beer and wine licenses. <i>(Sponsor: G. Nikolakakos)</i>
HB 69 Chapter 61	Revises alcoholic beverage laws relating to agency stores; revises laws relating to table wine; eliminates the phasing out of commission rates; clarifies hours of operation; revises laws related to payment for sales. <i>(Sponsor: T. Falk)</i>
HB 70 Chapter 42	Revises alcohol laws pertaining to the renewal of licenses; revises the renewal statute to include licensees already subject to the statute; revises laws relating to the nonrenewal of a license by the department; revises laws relating to payment of annual renewal fees. <i>(Sponsor: T. Falk)</i>
HB 71 Chapter 28	Revises alcoholic beverage laws relating to the transfer of licenses; allows the department to grant temporary operating authority to an applicant; allows for the transfer of alcoholic beverage inventory with a bona fide sale if certain conditions have been met; provides that the temporary operating authority may not exceed 180 days; provides for eligibility requirements. <i>(Sponsor: D. Loge)</i>
HB 72 Chapter 242	Revises alcoholic beverage laws relating to restaurant beer and wine licenses; eliminates restaurant beer and wine license ownership restrictions; eliminates redundant provisions relating to the transfer of ownership, revises the payment deadline of the licensing fee; clarifies the number of seating licenses that may be issued. <i>(Sponsor: R. Marshall)</i>
HB 95 Chapter 591	Generally revises alcoholic beverage laws; revises wholesaler laws; revises requirements by the Department of Revenue; removes references to malt liquors; revises laws relating to the conveyance of alcoholic beverages; revises laws relating to payment by retail licensees to brewers, beer importers, or wholesalers; updates language relating to refilling liquor bottles; revises laws relating to raffles or auctions; revises laws relating to referencing applicable federal laws; revises laws relating to shipments by common carriers; revises laws relating to table wine. <i>(Sponsor: E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 96 Chapter 129	Revises alcoholic beverages laws relating to the examination of licensed premises; includes additional licensees in the examination process. <i>(Sponsor: E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 97 Chapter 622	Generally revises alcoholic beverage laws; revises laws related to price reduction for quantity sales of liquor; revises alcohol licenses pertaining to golf courses; revises laws related to liquor store agents and table wine; revises definitions; provides rulemaking authority. <i>(Sponsor: E. Buttrey)</i>

HB 98 Chapter 21	Revises airport alcoholic beverages licenses relating to premises suitability; revises requirements for airport alcohol licenses; requires safeguards. <i>(Sponsor: E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 120 Chapter 41	Allows the Department of Revenue to allow alcoholic beverage manufacturer trade shows; allows alcoholic beverage manufacturers to showcase products at trade shows. <i>(Sponsor: R. Miner)</i>
HB 123 Chapter 29	Prohibits the prospecting of certain retail alcoholic beverage licenses; requires 1 year of use prior to transferring a license; provides exceptions in the event of death or circumstances reasonably beyond the control of the licensee. <i>(Sponsor: J. Bergstrom)</i>
HB 127 Chapter 138	Creates a combined beer wholesaler and table wine distributor license; eliminates separate beer wholesaler and table wine distributor licenses. <i>(Sponsor: F. Anderson)</i>
HB 144 Chapter 93	Revises alcohol license laws related to the competitive bidding process; allows the Department of Revenue to publish the availability of more than one license until the quota has been reached; revising requirements regarding the competitive bidding process. <i>(Sponsor: P. Green)</i>
HB 145 Chapter 32	Reduces the period for a moratorium when denied an alcohol license application. <i>(Sponsor: P. Green)</i>
HB 155 Chapter 97	Revises laws relating to certain ownership interest license transfers. <i>(Sponsor: K. Zolnikov)</i>
HB 157 Chapter 33	Revises laws relating to the Department of Revenue's operations and duties; revises the definition of "table wine"; clarifies language relating to the sale of liquor; revises laws relating to the preparation of alcohol; revises laws relating to withdrawal of liquor from the regular warehouse inventory. <i>(Sponsor: W. Rusk)</i>
HB 160 Chapter 34	Removes the restriction that a retail licenses may not display or permit to be displayed beer advertising on the exterior of buildings adjacent to the licensee's premises. <i>(Sponsor: D. Harvey)</i>
HB 164 Chapter 585	Allows beer and wine licensees to obtain a catering endorsement without having to be engaged primarily in the business of providing meals; provides that concessionaires may not sponsor catered events. <i>(Sponsor: D. Harvey)</i>
HB 166 Chapter 35	Eliminates specific examples of seasonal businesses; provides for a 1-year nonuse period if the licensee notifies the Department of Revenue. <i>(Sponsor: D. Harvey)</i>

SB 20 Chapter 76	Eliminates the penny tax; provides for deficiency assessments; provides procedures to compute alcoholic beverage taxes in the absence of statements; provides authority by the department to collect delinquent taxes; provides for refunds and interest; revises laws related to the filing of forms; provides for the filing of electronic forms and providing dates. <i>(Sponsor: S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 21 Chapter 140	Adopts qualifications for location managers; revising fingerprint requirements to include location managers. <i>(Sponsor: S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 59 Chapter 645	Provides that public convenience and necessity considerations are limited to consideration of the alcoholic beverage; revises laws related to department requests for additional licensing information; revises laws related to table wine; revises laws relating to resort area licenses; revises laws relating to special permits. <i>(Sponsor: S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 63 Chapter 312	Revises license terminology; revises laws relating to the manufacture of alcoholic beverages for personal use. <i>(Sponsor: D. Zolnikov)</i>
SB 75 Chapter 749	Allows out-of-state breweries to be registered in Montana; allows certain sales and shipping of beer; revises laws related to beer shipped by beer wholesalers; revises laws related to resort area all-beverage licenses; revises laws relating to suitable premises for retail licenses; revises laws relating to suitability of license applicants and license qualifications; adding new entity types that can be vetted for licensure. <i>(Sponsor: S. Fitzpatrick)</i>

DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Department of Livestock requested seventeen bill drafts. Of the eleven drafted and introduced, ten were passed and approved:

HB 44 Chapter 3	Revises document requirements for state stock inspectors and deputy stock inspectors; removes the requirement that certificates of inspection, market consignment permits, and transportation permits be made in triplicate. <i>(Sponsor: J. Dooling)</i>
HB 51 Chapter 75	Revises livestock indemnity provisions; creates a statutory appropriation for an indemnity fund for depopulation associated with certain diseases; revises classification criteria for animals eligible for compensation; revises the claims process; creates a state special revenue account; revises the sale of a condemned carcass; removes county obligation from indemnity payments. <i>(Sponsor: J. Read)</i>
HB 84 Chapter 126	Revises laws related to the treatment of garbage fed to swine; prohibits the act of garbage feeding in the state; provides for exceptions and rulemaking authority. <i>(Sponsor: K. Walsh)</i>

HB 100 Chapter 130	Revises laws related to livestock inspections; requires livestock owners to contain livestock for all inspections. <i>(Sponsor: R. Fitzgerald)</i>
HB 104 Chapter 132	Revises laws regarding aerial hunting of predatory animals; removes the residency requirement for aerial hunting. <i>(Sponsor: B. Beard)</i>
HB 153 Chapter 37	Revises laws regarding livestock auctions; updates laws regarding livestock video auctions; removes certain requirements from livestock operation certification applications. <i>(Sponsor: B. Ler)</i>
HB 158 Chapter 98	Revises laws related to custom exempt facilities; updates regulatory oversight of custom exempt facilities to match federal requirements. <i>(Sponsor: J. Kassmier)</i>
HB 159 Chapter 99	Revises laws related to the Livestock Crimestoppers Act; repeals the Livestock Crimestoppers Commission and remands the duties to the Department of Livestock. <i>(Sponsor: J. Kassmier)</i>
SB 37 Chapter 423	Generally revises laws related to livestock; revises the definition of livestock in the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act. <i>(Sponsor: G. Hertz)</i>
SB 71 Chapter 426	Revises the state policy regarding milk price control; removes policy statements that no longer reflect the current state of milk production in Montana. <i>(Sponsor: D. Salomon)</i>

DIVISION OF BANKING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Division of Banking & Financial Institutions requested four bill drafts. All were drafted, introduced, passed, and approved:

HB 30 Chapter 4	Generally revises Montana mortgage laws; adopts prudential standards for nonbank mortgage servicers; provides for applicability and exclusions; provides for financial conditions and corporate governance of servicers; grants authorization to the Department of Administration regarding servicers; allows remote work for a mortgage business; provides for rulemaking authority and definitions. <i>(Sponsor: A. Buckley)</i>
HB 138 Chapter 23	Generally revises the Montana Bank Act; abolishes the State Banking Board; provides for the chartering of state chartered banks by the Department of Administration and the Commissioner of Banking; allows rulemaking on implementing the process for new charters; clarifies the application of general corporate law to the Bank Act; allows rulemaking for the approval of a shell bank; requires approval for loan production offices; requires an annual report of officers and directors; requires an annual report of service and technology providers; requires incident reporting; removes call reports from the confidentiality section; allows banks to have treasurers

or cashiers; allows out-of-state state-chartered banks to use the word “bank” under certain circumstances; allows banks to pay dividends under certain circumstances; amends emergency closure provisions; simplifies the emergency closure process. *(Sponsor: T. Welch)*

HB 139
Chapter 24 Revises laws related to mutual associations; requires mutual association member approval of a mutual association merger. *(Sponsor: T. Welch)*

SB 35
Chapter 13 Repeals the Business and Industrial Development Corporations Act. *(Sponsor: D. Salomon)*

LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Livestock Loss Board requested two bill drafts. All were drafted, introduced, passed, and approved:

HB 59
Chapter 20 Revises laws related to funding for the Livestock Loss Board and the Department of Livestock; delays termination of the funding of programs contingency; delays termination of the statutory appropriation of funds in the Livestock Loss Mitigation Restricted Account; delays termination of the statutory appropriation of funds in the Livestock Loss Reduction Restricted Account; delays termination of the statutory appropriation of funds in the Predatory Animal Special Revenue Account. *(Sponsor: R. Fitzgerald)*

SB 78
Chapter 427 Generally revises the Livestock Loss Mitigation Program; revises the definition of guard animal; standardizes claimant information; limits payments for registered livestock. *(Sponsor: B. Gillespie)*

MONTANA STATE AUDITOR

During the 2021-2022 interim, the Montana State Auditor requested seven bill drafts. Of the four drafted and introduced, all were passed and approved:

HB 61
Chapter 7 Eliminates the Insurance Advisory Council; allows contracts for education course review. *(Sponsor: R. Fitzgerald)*

HB 62
Chapter 592 Creates a surety bail bond insurance license; provides for application and training requirements; provides arrest authority to a surety bail bond insurance producer. *(Sponsor: B. Mercer)*

- HB 156
Chapter 157 Revises securities laws relating to disclosure of financial exploitation of an older person; revises laws relating to commissioner access to insurance records; removes certain service of process fees; revises the penalty relating to certain surplus lines filings; defines pharmacy services administrative organizations; revises laws relating to the appointment of foreign or alien societies; revises laws relating to commercial lines policies; revises laws relating to the filing of variable life insurance contracts. *(Sponsor: E. Buttrey)*
- SB 49
Chapter 226 Revises cabin site sales; revises the cancellation of sale requirements. *(Sponsor: M. Cuffe)*

BILLS BY TOPIC

AGRICULTURE

Subjects: Agriculture

- HB 418
Chapter 198 Revises limitations on irrigable acreage within an irrigation district. *(R. Fitzgerald)*
- HB 487
Chapter 630 Prohibits seed cleaning or conditioning without department declaration. *(J. Kassmier)*
- HB 738
Chapter 732 Exempts the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee from state procurement requirements. *(R. Fitzgerald)*
- HB 805
Chapter 277 Revises laws related to cooperative associations and cooperative agricultural marketing; prohibits the use of the term “cooperative” with exceptions. *(R. Fitzgerald)*
- HB 821
Chapter 761 Appropriates money to the Department of Agriculture for grants to assist Yellowstone, Musselshell, and Stillwater Counties to combat infestations of certain weeds. *(M. Malone)*
- HJ 7 Joint Resolution supporting the 100th Anniversary of the Livingston Roundup Rodeo’s 100 Buckin’ Years Event. *(M. Malone)*
- HR 6 Resolution of the House of Representatives urging the United States Congress to implement country-of-origin labeling for beef and pork products. *(J. Bergstrom)*

- SB 375
Chapter 679 Removes notice requirements before allowing an animal running at large to be killed. *(M. Lang)*
- SB 561
Chapter 759 Provides for the permitting of veterinary retail facilities; provides for the registration of veterinary dispensing technicians; provides for continuing education requirements; provides definitions, application and permit renewal fees, rulemaking authority. *(S. Hinebauch)*
- SJ 9 Joint Resolution establishing the first week in April as Montana Soil Health Week and the first Wednesday in April as Soil Health Day. *(B. Gillespie)*
- SJ 13 Joint Resolution establishing June as Rangeland Appreciation Month. *(M. Lang)*

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND MARIJUANA

Subjects: Alcohol & Drugs; Cigarettes & Tobacco

- HB 124
Chapter 68 Revises the collection of taxes on beer, wine, and hard cider from monthly to quarterly. *(J. Bergstrom)*
- HB 229
Chapter 714 Revises marijuana laws; allows for a probationary license for testing laboratories; allows for a variance in the measurement of a single-serve edible product. *(M. Hopkins)*
- HB 242
Chapter 371 Allows a person to be issued up to seven all-beverages licenses. *(E. Buttrey)*
- HB 254
Chapter 103 Clarifies that curbside pickup constitutes orders that are made in person, including through a drive-through window. *(K. Zolnikov)*
- HB 305
Chapter 601 Allows a limited exception for licensed brewers, distillers, and wineries to hold retail licenses, allows a limited exception for retail licensees to hold a brewer, distiller, or winery license. *(E. Buttrey)*
- HB 455
Chapter 565 Removes the Department of Revenue's prohibition on approving gelatin cup alcoholic beverage products. *(B. Mitchell)*
- HB 539
Chapter 728 Allows an alcoholic beverage licensee to operate a guest ranch and serve alcohol at the premises; revises laws related to license lapse; revises laws relating to distillery hours of operation; allows licensed retailers to purchase beer and table wine from licensed in-state retailers and provides limitations. *(K. Zolnikov)*

HB 578 Chapter 299	Allows a licensee with a catering endorsement to sell liquor in original packaging for off-premises consumption during a liquor manufacturing industry-specific event sponsored by a licensed distiller; provides up to six special events per year. <i>(T. Brockman)</i>
HB 579 Chapter 209	Revises distillery laws to provide that licensed premises may include more than one building for manufacturing purposes pursuant to federal law; clarifies that a distillery that has more than one manufacturing location may not operate more than one sample room. <i>(K. Sullivan)</i>
HB 783 Chapter 733	Revises alcohol special permit laws; allows a winery to sell alcohol that is fermented or blended by the winery for off-premises consumption; provides for up to 12 special permits per year. <i>(F. Nave)</i>
HB 867 Chapter 635	Allows agency liquor stores to remain open on Sundays, Mondays, and legal holidays; provides that the operating hours are subject to restrictions; allows the state to recoup costs in physically recovering existing inventory for which it has a lien for late payments by the agency liquor store; allows credit purchases from agency liquor stores if payment is made within a certain amount of time. <i>(E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 903 Chapter 743	Generally revises marijuana laws; adds preschools to the distance requirement for a licensed premises; allows a combined-use license to increase canopy tiers; revises the fee structure for licensing of dispensaries; requires a report to the Board of Medical Examiners if a physician issues more than 39 written certifications in a calendar year. <i>(M. Hopkins)</i>
HB 948 Chapter 746	Prohibits the manufacture and distribution of synthetic marijuana products; provides for enforcement by departments and law enforcement; provides for restrictions by local government; clarifies unlawful transactions regarding the distribution of synthetic marijuana products to children; clarifies the offense of altering a label on dangerous drugs; requires public reporting of violations; creates a temporary advisory council; establishes reporting requirements. <i>(S. Galloway)</i>
SB 107 Chapter 321	Revises laws relating to civil liability for injuries involving alcohol overconsumption; provides that statutory law precludes a claim under any other theory of recovery or common law claim for injury or damages involving the alcohol consumer; clarifies laws related to the serving of alcohol consumers; provides considerations required of a jury or trier of fact; prohibits certain considerations by a jury or trier of fact; revises who may bring a civil action; revises notice requirements; revises punitive damage considerations. <i>(S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 122 Chapter 652	Provides the premium cigar tax may not exceed a specific amount for each premium cigar. <i>(G. Hertz)</i>
SB 209 Chapter 661	Revises hours of operation in a distillery to align with brewery sample rooms. <i>(G. Hertz)</i>

- SB 264
Chapter 359 Allows a licensee to lease an airport all-beverages license to up to three individuals or entities; establishes provisions for licensees; amends an airport's minimum total annual passengers to qualify for a license; eliminates curbside pickup for an airport all-beverages license. *(K. Regier)*
- SB 312
Chapter 443 Revises brewery laws to allow for collaboration beers; allows brewers to serve beer not brewed on the premises if made in collaboration with another Montana small brewery. *(T. Vermiere)*

CIVIL LIABILITY, REMEDIES, AND LIMITATIONS

Subjects: Liability; Remedies; Torts

- SB 107
Chapter 321 Revises laws relating to civil liability for injuries involving alcohol overconsumption; provides that statutory law precludes a claim under any other theory of recovery or common law claim for injury or damages involving the alcohol consumer; clarifies laws related to the serving of alcohol consumers; provides considerations required of a jury or trier of fact; prohibits certain considerations by a jury or trier of fact; revises who may bring a civil action; revises notice requirements; revises punitive damage considerations. *(S. Fitzpatrick)*
- SB 216
Chapter 436 Revises laws relating to civil lawsuits involving products; revises laws pertaining to strict liability or certain breach of warranty laws to allow a defendant to assert a defense that the damages were caused by a person with whom the claimant has settled or released from liability; allowing certain defenses; allowing contributory negligence as a defense in a product liability lawsuit; allowing the seller of a product to assert certain defenses; providing standards of proof for claimants in certain product actions. *(S. Fitzpatrick)*
- SB 236
Chapter 352 Establishes standards to be satisfied by a third-party claimant when delivering a written time-limited demand to an insurer; requiring a third-party claimant to deliver available supporting documents; providing fair and reasonable opportunities for an insurer to investigate and evaluate claims. *(G. Hertz)*
- SB 269
Chapter 360 Establishes the Litigation Financing Transparency and Consumer Protection Act; requires the registration of litigation financiers; establishes transparency and consumer protection, minimum standards, disclosure; creates exemptions. *(G. Hertz)*

CONTRACTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Subjects: Contracts; Documents; Suretyship/Guaranty/Indemnity

- HB 668
Chapter 525 Revises laws related to service contracts to include vehicle theft protection products; provides requirements for conducting business, definitions, disclosures for vehicle theft protection product warranties, and that certain vehicle theft protection products and service contracts are not subject to the insurance code. *(R. Fitzgerald)*

- SB 314
Chapter 407 Revises laws related to construction bonds; allows certain people to file a bond; provides limits on the amount paid by a principal or a principal's sureties. (*S. Fitzpatrick*)
- SB 451
Chapter 479 Revises healthcare contract laws; prohibits contracts that restrict practice for certain health care providers. (*J. Small*)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Subjects: Economic Development

- HB 19
Chapter 594 Modifies the requirements of the Department of Commerce and the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission related to assessments and reports of the economic activity of tribes in Montana. (*T. Running Wolf*)
- HB 199
Chapter 100 Revises laws related to the Governor's Office of Economic Development; renames the Chief Business Development Officer to Chief Economic Development Officer; revises duties of the office. (*T. Brockman*)
- HB 805
Chapter 277 Revises laws related to cooperative associations and cooperative agricultural marketing; prohibits the use of the term "cooperative" with exceptions. (*R. Fitzgerald*)
- HB 881
Chapter 636 Revises laws related to the Big Sky Economic Development Program; allows businesses to apply directly to the program; removes requirements; allows awards for workforce activities; extends the statutory appropriation allocation until 2035; transfers funds from other programs within the Department of Commerce to the program. (*E. Buttrey*)
- SB 314
Chapter 407 Revises laws related to construction bonds; allows certain people to file a bond; provides limits on the amount paid by a principal or a principal's sureties. (*S. Fitzpatrick*)
- SB 540
Chapter 699 Revises the lodging facility use tax allocation to the Department of Commerce; requires the department to use the lodging facility use tax revenue for specific purposes; transfers funds from the allocation to fund a new revolving loan program account. (*D. Zolnikov*)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Subjects: Credit Transactions; Financial Institutions; Money Transfer

- HB 371
Chapter 257 Revises the Bank Act to allow a bank to own residential real property for the purpose of providing housing accommodations for its employees. *(K. Walsh)*
- SB 178
Chapter 344 Revises cryptocurrency laws; prohibits discriminatory digital asset mining utility rates; prohibits local government powers related to digital asset mining; prohibits taxation on the use of cryptocurrency as a payment method; provides for digital assets as personal property. *(D. Zolnikov)*
- SB 359
Chapter 677 Prohibits financial institutions from mandating the use of firearms codes that are different from general sales; makes a violation of the prohibition an unfair trade practice. *(T. Vermiere)*
- SB 430
Chapter 415 Amends the term of bank directors and allows staggered terms. *(S. Fitzpatrick)*

GAMBLING

Subjects: Gambling

- HB 273
Chapter 105 Revises laws relating to the Director of the State Lottery; removes the restriction that the Director may not hold any other occupation; provides that the Director may not own or be employed by a gaming supplier or sales agent. *(S. Kerns)*
- HB 273
Chapter 598 Revises video gambling machine taxes; allows for a deduction for negative income. *(T. Welch)*
- HB 550
Chapter 302 Revises laws related to the sale of video gambling machines by a licensed operator to another licensed operator or licensed manufacturer, distributor, or route operator; removes the requirement that the licensed operator must obtain permits for the machines and legally operate them prior to the sale. *(C. Knudsen)*
- SB 102
Chapter 15 Revises state lottery and sports wagering laws related to sales agent commissions; exempts sales agents' commissions set by the State Lottery and sports wagering commission from rule requirements under MAPA. *(M. Cuffe)*
- SB 535
Chapter 697 Terminates the special raffle or lottery game for the benefit of the Board of Horseracing by June 30, 2024. *(R. Lynch)*

INSURANCE AND INSURANCE COMPANIES

Subjects: Insurance; Unemployment Insurance

HB 263 Chapter 179	Requires insurance coverage for refill or prescription eyedrops under certain circumstances. <i>(A. Regier)</i>
HB 302 Chapter 600	Requires insurance coverage of a 12-month supply of prescription contraceptives. <i>(A. Buckley)</i>
HB 379 Chapter 259	Continues the prohibition that prevents a pharmacy benefit manager from requiring federally certified health entities to identify 340B drugs; extends the termination date to June 1, 2025. <i>(T. Welch)</i>
HB 505 Chapter 202	Increases the initial policy or certificate limit for funeral insurance from \$15,000 to \$25,000. <i>(N. Nicol)</i>
HB 591 Chapter 517	Implements the model travel insurance act; provides for a limited lines license; provides for travel protection plans, sales practices, travel administrators, definitions, and rulemaking authority. <i>(E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 612 Chapter 520	Revises insurance coverage requirements for self-management training and education for diabetes. <i>(M. Bertoglio)</i>
HB 615 Chapter 220	Revises deductible requirements for professional liability insurance coverage for real estate broker and salesperson licensees. <i>(R. Fitzgerald)</i>
HB 665 Chapter 215	Requires minimum insurance coverage for preventative, diagnostic, and supplemental breast examinations. <i>(J. Etchart)</i>
HB 668 Chapter 525	Revises laws related to service contracts to include vehicle theft protection products; provides requirements for conducting business, definitions, disclosures for vehicle theft protection product warranties, and that certain vehicle theft protection products and service contracts are not subject to the insurance code. <i>(R. Fitzgerald)</i>
HB 808 (Vetoed)	Revises laws related to surety bail bond insurance; provides qualifications for a surety bail bond insurance license, license requirements and training, arrest authority of a bail bond surety insurance producer; revises surplus lines insurance laws; revises rulemaking authority. <i>(S. Gunderson)</i>
HB 836 Chapter 546	Allows for the Commissioner of Insurance to issue a regulatory sandbox waiver with respect to requirements of the insurance code; provides for considerations and limits, consumer disclosure, time limitations, fees and penalties, and rulemaking authority. <i>(K. Zolnikov)</i>

SB 165 Chapter 430	Establishes a duty of cooperation of an insured or a third-party claimant toward insurer when dealing with claims and seeking recovery of benefits under an insurance policy. <i>(B. Usher)</i>
SB 236 Chapter 352	Establishes standards to be satisfied by a third-party claimant when delivering a written time-limited demand to an insurer; requiring a third-party claimant to deliver available supporting documents; providing fair and reasonable opportunities for an insurer to investigate and evaluate claims. <i>(G. Hertz)</i>
SB 260 Chapter 356	Exempts certain insurers from unfair claims settlement practice requirements; exempts captive insurance entities except for risk retention groups. <i>(D. Salomon)</i>
SB 340 Chapter 463	Establishes limits on cost-sharing amounts for insulin prescriptions. <i>(J. Small)</i>
SB 380 Chapter 680	Generally revises health care insurance laws; provides for prior authorization requirements. <i>(J. Small)</i>
SB 492 Chapter 419	Revises laws relating to the recovery of costs in an action for which an insurer has been found to now owe a duty to defend the insured; prohibits an insurer from recovering certain costs; provides an exception allowing an insurer to recover certain costs. <i>(S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 516 Chapter 782	Requires insurance coverage of fertility preservation services for people diagnosed with cancer. <i>(J. Gross)</i>
SB 564 Chapter 705	Allows the Board of Medical Examiners to make medical malpractice insurance available to Health Corp members; requires a fee on physicians for board-purchased medical malpractice insurance. <i>(T. McGillvray)</i>

LABOR

Subjects: *Labor and Employment; Unemployment Insurance; Wages and Salaries; Workers' Compensation*

HB 178 Chapter 84	Revises workers' compensation laws relating to when the employee is engaging in social or recreational activity; revises laws relating to employee injuries during social or recreational activities at the worksite of the employer. <i>(K. Walsh)</i>
HB 245 Chapter 576	Revises laws related to the trades education and training tax credit; expands the list of qualifying trades for the credit; allows the Department of Revenue to expand the list through rulemaking; extends the termination date of the credit by 2 years. <i>(S. Vinton)</i>
HB 346 Chapter 606	Revises the tribal computer programming boost scholarship program; consolidates administration of the program at the Department of Labor and Industry; expands the teacher

professional development component to include elementary and middle school teachers.
(*J. Windy Boy*)

HB 427 Chapter 264	Provides that members of the National Guard and Air National Guard are entitled to workers' compensation while on state duty; requires the Department of Military Affairs to cover the difference between workers' compensation benefits and the injured member's federal compensation rate. (<i>S. Kerns</i>)
HB 449 Chapter 628	Provides for pediatric complex care assistant services under the Medicaid program; establishes licensure requirements for care assistants. (<i>A. Buckley</i>)
HB 490 Chapter 505	Revises laws related to independent contractor tax evasion and fraud; clarifies business practices for construction contractors who hire independent contractors; revises independent contractor violation penalties. (<i>S. Gist</i>)
HB 499 Chapter 726	Revises licensed social worker requirements pertaining to work experience; allows a license baccalaureate social worker and a licensed master's social worker to be licensed in the state with certain requirements. (<i>E. Kerr-Carpenter</i>)
HB 590 Chapter 516	Creates laws related to violence against health care workers and workers employed by health care providers; provides for reporting of violence against a health care worker. (<i>E. Buttrey</i>)
HB 601 Chapter 399	Revises the credit amount for the annual job growth incentive tax credit. (<i>D. Fern</i>)
HB 636 Chapter 293	Revises workers' compensation laws related to exemptions; reduces ownership requirements relating to a corporation or a limited liability company. (<i>J. Kassmier</i>)
HB 652 Chapter 731	Revises the duration of unemployment insurance benefits; reduces the number of benefit weeks from 28 weeks to 24 weeks. (<i>S. Galloway</i>)
HB 691 Chapter 393	Revises laws related to the duties of the Department of Labor and Industry; revises exclusions from employment relating to casual employment. (<i>G. Oblander</i>)
HB 702 Chapter 394	Repeals the termination date related to reimbursement of workers' compensation premiums for certain work-based learning opportunities. (<i>D. Harvey</i>)
HB 710 Chapter 216	Allows administration of immunizations by pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under certain circumstances. (<i>C. Knudsen</i>)

SB 177 Chapter 343	Revises the types of employment benefits that an employer shall consider as having value or compensation to an employee under local government laws. <i>(D. Zolnikov)</i>
SB 270 Chapter 361	Provides that termination of an employee based on statements made on social media is discrimination and subject to wrongful discharge laws. <i>(K. Regier)</i>
SB 300 Chapter 457	Revises qualifications for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant or audiology assistant. <i>(E. McClafferty)</i>
SB 310 Chapter 442	Adds two presumptive occupational diseases proximately caused by firefighting activities. <i>(J. Small)</i>
SB 425 Chapter 756	Revises the licensing requirements for an addiction counselor. <i>(J. Small)</i>
SB 444 Chapter 447	Revises laws related to work-based learning programs; requires written agreements for the programs and specific elements to qualify for exemption from certain wage laws. <i>(G. Hertz)</i>
SB 457 Chapter 484	Repeals the Board of Sanitarians and transfers the authority of the Board of Sanitarians to the Department of Labor and Industry. <i>(T. Vermiere)</i>

LAWS AFFECTING BUSINESSES

Subjects: Contracts; Corporations/Partnerships/Associations

HB 477 Chapter 568	Revises laws related to the recognition of foreign business entities to include entities formed under laws of a federally recognized Indian tribe. <i>(S. Stewart Peregoy)</i>
HB 668 Chapter 525	Revises laws related to service contracts to include vehicle theft protection products; provides requirements for conducting business, definitions, disclosures for vehicle theft protection product warranties, and that certain vehicle theft protection products and service contracts are not subject to the insurance code. <i>(R. Fitzgerald)</i>
HB 805 Chapter 277	Revises laws related to cooperative associations and cooperative agricultural marketing; prohibits the use of the term “cooperative” with exceptions. <i>(R. Fitzgerald)</i>
SB 167 Chapter 339	Allows a director of a nonprofit corporation to rescind a resignation within a certain timeframe. <i>(S. Fitzpatrick)</i>

SB 269 Chapter 360	Establishes the Litigation Financing Transparency and Consumer Protection Act; requires the registration of litigation financiers; establishes transparency and consumer protection, minimum standards, disclosures, and creates exemptions. (<i>G. Hertz</i>)
SB 307 Chapter 458	Revises nonprofit corporation and charitable trust laws; prohibits state agencies or state officials from imposing requirements not authorized by law. (<i>M. Noland</i>)
SB 451 Chapter 479	Generally revises health care contract laws; prohibits contracts that restrict practice for certain health care providers. (<i>J. Small</i>)

LIVESTOCK

Subjects: Livestock

HB 66 Chapter 120	Revises the livestock per capita fee payment due date; provides a grace period for reporting livestock brought into the state; makes the livestock per capita fee payment due date the same as the reporting due date. (<i>G. Kmetz</i>)
HB 388 Chapter 194	Increases the penalty for importing livestock without a health inspection. (<i>J. Kassmier</i>)
HB 767 Chapter 217	Provides Board of Livestock review of proposed brands; provides rulemaking authority. (<i>J. Kassmier</i>)
SJ 14	Joint Resolution opposing bison introduction at the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. (<i>M. Lang</i>)

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

Subjects: Professions and Occupations A-Z; Professions and Occupations Generally

HB 101 Chapter 590	Revises licensing reciprocity provisions for out-of-state practitioners licensed by the Board of Behavioral Health; establishes that licensure in another state is sufficient to obtain Montana licensure in certain instances. (<i>J. Gillette</i>)
HB 247 Chapter 250	Revises laws relating to exemptions concerning the Board of Realty Regulation; provides that certain digital media platforms are exempt. (<i>S. Vinton</i>)
HB 292 Chapter 183	Makes the enterprise fund for the Board of Accountancy permanent by eliminating the termination date of a statutory appropriation. (<i>J. Dooling</i>)

HB 313 Chapter 88	Provides for the independent practice of physician assistants after a certain amount of supervision. <i>(J. Etchart)</i>
HB 336 Chapter 189	Provides state recognition for family child-care providers that are licensed by a branch of the United States Armed Forces. <i>(E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 353 Chapter 192	Revises laws related to barbers and cosmetologists; exempts natural hair braiding services from licensing regulations. <i>(J. Carlson)</i>
HB 358 Chapter 609	Revises property manager license laws; exempts from the property manager license requirement owners of real estate, related owners, and entities owned by related owners; eliminates the exemption for persons acting as managers of certain government-subsidized housing. <i>(K. Zolnikov)</i>
HB 392 Chapter 262	Expands the ability for direct-entry midwives to obtain and administer certain prescription drugs. <i>(J. Etchart)</i>
HB 443 Chapter 381	Prohibits discrimination based on the free exercise of religion or the freedom of speech and expression in the real estate industry and other licensed professions and occupations. <i>(K. Seekins-Crowe)</i>
HB 583 Chapter 390	Provides licensing and certification reciprocity for military members, military spouses, and veterans. <i>(B. Barker)</i>
HB 615 Chapter 220	Revises deductible requirements for professional liability insurance coverage for real estate broker and salesperson licensees. <i>(R. Fitzgerald)</i>
HB 777 Chapter 218	Adopts the Interstate Counseling Compact. <i>(E. Buttrey)</i>
SB 100 Chapter 236	Revises laws related to naturopathic physicians and natural substances; amends the natural substance formulary list. <i>(G. Hertz)</i>
SB 101 Chapter 237	Revises laws relating to the dispensation of drugs by naturopathic physicians; includes naturopathic physicians in laws relating to the dispensation of drugs. <i>(G. Hertz)</i>
SB 112 Chapter 332	Revises pharmacist prescribing authority to allow the prescribing of certain drugs or devices under limited circumstances. <i>(T. McGillvray)</i>

SB 155 Chapter 403	Adopts the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. <i>(K. Bogner)</i>
SB 166 Chapter 338	Exempts barbering services provided at state correctional facilities and county detention centers from licensing requirements. <i>(R. Lynch)</i>
SB 214 Chapter 349	Adopts the Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. <i>(E. McClafferty)</i>
SB 244 Chapter 355	Revises internship requirements to obtain a license required for the practice of mortuary science. <i>(M. Cuffe)</i>
SB 300 Chapter 457	Revises qualifications for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant or audiology assistant. <i>(E. McClafferty)</i>
SB 453 Chapter 275	Revises the composition of the Alternative Health Care Board and the Board of Medical Examiners; transfers oversight of acupuncturists from the Board of Medical Examiners to the Alternative Health Care Board. <i>(J. Small)</i>
SB 454 Chapter 481	Repeals the Board of Private Security and transfers authority from the board to a Department of Labor and Industry Program; eliminates licensure of alarm response runners, branch offices of private security companies, and resident managers of private security companies; combines proprietary and contract private security companies into a single license type. <i>(J. Small)</i>
SB 455 Chapter 482	Revises the composition of the Board of Realty Regulation; transfers the oversight of property managers from the Board of Realty Regulation to the Department of Labor and Industry; establishes licensing requirements; repeals licensing and registration requirements for timeshare sales. <i>(T. Vermiere)</i>
SB 456 Chapter 483	Repeals the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and transfers authority from the board to a Department of Labor and Industry program; eliminates the required licensure of a person to sell over-the-counter hearing aids. <i>(T. Vermiere)</i>
SB 457 Chapter 484	Repeals the Board of Sanitarians and transfers the authority of the Board of Sanitarians to the Department of Labor and Industry. <i>(T. Vermiere)</i>
SB 561 Chapter 759	Provides for the permitting of veterinary retail facilities; provides for the registration of veterinary dispensing technicians; provides for continuing education requirements; provides definitions, application and permit renewal fees, rulemaking authority. <i>(S. Hinebaugh)</i>

SB 564
Chapter 705 Allows the Board of Medical Examiners to make medical malpractice insurance available to Health Corp members; requires a fee on physicians for board-purchased medical malpractice insurance. *(T. McGillvray)*

MISCELLANEOUS

HB 55
Chapter 619 Establishes a tax on electric vehicle charging stations; provides for Department of Labor and Industry inspection; provides for installation of electric meters and the remittance of taxes; reduces additional electric vehicle registration fees for Montana residents when the tax on charging goes into effect. *(TIC/Sponsor: D. Loge)*

HB 60
Chapter 164 Provides for an annual fee on electric vehicles registered in the state. *(TIC/Sponsor: D. Loge)*

HB 141
Chapter 623 Revises appropriation language for the Blackfeet Tribe Water Rights Compact Mitigation Account. *(DNRC/Sponsor: L. Jones)*

HB 187
Chapter 169 Clarifies that childcare is a residential use of property and a residential purpose. *(A. Buckley)*

HB 228
Chapter 175 Revises public investments by prohibiting the consideration of nonpecuniary factors. *(T. Moore)*

HB 244
Chapter 577 Revises the administration of the Housing Montana Fund through the Department of Commerce; removes restrictions on money received from the federal government in 2001; removes certain income requirements for loans. *(D. Fern)*

HB 281
Chapter 106 Extends the terms of Burial Preservation Board members from 2 to 4 years of service. *(T. Brockman)*

HB 314
Chapter 603 Increases the daily rate of compensation for boards, commissions, and councils; standardizes compensation rates for boards, commissions, and councils; removes discretionary adjustment of compensation based on the personal consumption expenditures price index. *(T. Brockman)*

HB 417
Chapter 197 Prohibits the performance of sensitive medical examinations without obtaining informed consent. *(J. Cohenour)*

HB 433
Chapter 560 Clarifies that the state building code may not prohibit the use of certain refrigerants. *(T. Welch)*

HB 437 Chapter 723	Removes items related to testing drugs from the list of paraphernalia; removes the limitation on the type of tetrahydrocannabinols that must be present to constitute driving under the influence. <i>(K. Zolnikov)</i>
HB 523 Chapter 385	Requires transparency of recipients and amounts paid from emergency rental assistance program funds through the American Rescue Plan Act by the Department of Commerce. <i>(M. Yakawich)</i>
HB 573 Chapter 300	Exempts all contracts under the Montana Community Service Act from the Montana Procurement Act regardless of the dollar amount of the contract. <i>(J. Kassmier)</i>
HB 610 Chapter 294	Allows emergency care providers to provide patient care in a health care facility. <i>(S. Gist)</i>
HB 648 Chapter 773	Establishes a Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program. <i>(A. Buckley)</i>
HB 682 Chapter 287	Limits the use of genetic material collected in newborn screenings and allows parents and guardians to request destruction of samples. <i>(K. Zolnikov)</i>
HB 751 Chapter 279	Requires the Department of Public Health and Human Services to produce educational materials regarding the use of nonopioid alternatives for the treatment of pain. <i>(K. Abbott)</i>
HB 819 Chapter 774	Creates the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan; provides for attainable workforce housing; provides for distribution of funds to community reinvestment organizations; provides for state workforce housing incentive revolving accounts; provides eligibility requirements for the use of funds; provides for planning grants; provides for duties for the Board of Investments, Governor's Office of Economic Development, and Department of Commerce. <i>(P. Green)</i>
HB 828 (Vetoed)	Establishes an ambulance provider assessment fee, procedures for collecting and distributing the fee, requires the revenues generated by the fee to be used for supplementing ambulance provider Medicaid payments. <i>(E. Buttrey)</i>
HB 889 (Vetoed)	Revises the Montana Residential Mobile Home Lot Rental Act; provides additional rental agreement terms; limits a landlord's ability to interfere with the sale of a mobile home; provides additional protections to a resident association; provides additional actions deemed retaliatory by a landlord; revises reasons for and the process of a lawful termination of a rental agreement. <i>(J. Karlen)</i>

HB 918 Chapter 553	Eliminates the requirement that a day-care home be registered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services to qualify as a residential use of property for purposes of zoning. <i>(A. Buckley)</i>
HB 952 Chapter 748	Establishes a grant program for autism facilities in Montana. <i>(C. Sprunger)</i>
HJ 10	Resolution for reaffirming Montana's economic commitment to its relationship with Taiwan. <i>(S. Vinton)</i>
SB 105 Chapter 319	Prohibits rent control of private property. <i>(S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 174 Chapter 342	Allows an agency or political subdivision to provide funding for broadband infrastructure projects. <i>(W. McKamey)</i>
SB 203 Chapter 434	Revises the law for the transfer of critical infrastructure and agricultural land; prohibits the sale, lease, or rental of critical infrastructure or land used for agricultural production to foreign adversaries or corporations domiciled in foreign adversary nations. <i>(K. Bogner)</i>
SB 262 Chapter 357	Prohibits a local governments from requiring additional licensing for a purpose when the state has already required licensing. <i>(D. Zolnikov)</i>
SB 263 Chapter 358	Allows airport authorities to enter into contracts, leases, and arrangements for 50 years. <i>(K. Regier)</i>
SB 351 Chapter 768	Creates the Genetic Information Privacy Act; requires a company to provide consumer information regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of genetic data; provides for limitations, exclusion, and enforcement authority. <i>(D. Zolnikov)</i>
SB 373 Chapter 470	Establishes alternative teacher credentialing and endorsement by the Board of Public Education. <i>(D. Salomon)</i>
SB 378 Chapter 410	Allows into evidence business records kept in the ordinary course of business that are accompanied by a sworn affidavit or certification of the records custodian or other qualified person. <i>(S. Fitzpatrick)</i>
SB 384 Chapter 681	Establishes the Consumer Data Privacy Act; establishes applicability, requirements, and limitations for a controller of personal data; establishes requirements and limitations for a processor of personal data; provides for consumer rights to personal data; provides for data

protection assessments; provides exemptions and compliance requirements, and enforcement. *(D. Zolnikov)*

- SB 392
Chapter 472 Revises the determination of court costs for coal mine reclamation. *(S. Fitzpatrick)*
- SB 397
Chapter 781 Establishes the Facial Recognition for Government Use Act; prohibits the use of continuous facial surveillance; provides exemptions for law enforcement; provides exemptions under certain conditions, notice requirements, retention and destruction requirements, reporting requirements, penalties, and definitions. *(K. Bogner)*
- SB 411
Chapter 362 Revises motor vehicle dealer laws relating to dealer data, prohibited actions, responsibilities, restrictions, franchisees, and licensing requirements. *(B. Usher)*
- SB 419
Chapter 503 Bans the social media application TikTok in Montana; prohibits a mobile application store from offering TikTok to Montana users; provides for penalties and enforcement authority. *(S. Vance)*
- SB 531
Chapter 696 Revises the Communication Advisory Commission; revises the challenge process; provides rulemaking authority and definitions. *(D. Salomon)*
- SB 544
Chapter 700 Revises internet laws related to material harmful to minors; provides for liability for publishing or distributing material harmful to minors without first obtaining age verification; provides of individual rights of action, attorney fees, court costs, punitive damages, exceptions, and requires a report by the Department of Justice for enforcement activity. *(W. Curdy)*
- SB 557
Chapter 703 Revises the Montana Environmental Policy Act relating to legal challenges by requiring a fee to compile records, and providing that certain challenges related to greenhouse gasses cannot void actions unless required by a federal agency or an act of Congress. *(M. Noland)*
- SB 558
Chapter 704 Requires retail establishments and the state and its political subdivisions to accept US currency as it applies to the payment of goods and services. *(S. Morigeau)*