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HOUSE BILL NO. 795

INTRODUCED BY P. TUSS, S. GIST

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE COAL BOARD FROM REVIEWS UNDER THE MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT FOR CERTAIN GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Exemption from environmental review. The department is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants related to infrastructure projects or planning pursuant to this part.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Exemption from environmental review. The coal board is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants related to providing government services and facilities, expediting the construction, repair, and maintenance of a highway, or paying for prepaid property taxes for a major new industrial facility pursuant to this part.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 90, chapter 6, part 7, and the provisions of Title 90, chapter 6, part 7, apply to [section 1].

(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 90, chapter 6, part 2, and the provisions of Title 90, chapter 6, part 2, apply to [section 2].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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