



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:

**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.

**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.

**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].

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 795, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 795

INTRODUCED BY P. TUSS, S. GIST

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