

1 SENATE BILL NO. 167

2 INTRODUCED BY G. HERTZ

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE NOXIOUS WEED  
5 MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND; PROVIDING RULES FOR DEPOSIT OF INTEREST AND INCOME;  
6 AMENDING SECTION 80-7-811, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **SECTION 1.** SECTION 80-7-811, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

11 **"80-7-811. Noxious weed management trust fund.** (1) As required by Article IX, section 6, of the  
12 Montana constitution, there is a noxious weed management trust fund of \$10 million. Any funds transferred or  
13 deposited into the trust fund are part of the trust corpus. The department shall administer the trust fund in  
14 accordance with this part.

15 (2) ONE-QUARTER OF INTEREST AND INCOME GENERATED BY THE TRUST FUND MUST REMAIN IN THE  
16 TRUST FUND.

17 (2)(3) Deposits to the principal of the noxious weed management trust fund may include but are not  
18 limited to:

- 19 (a) federal contributions;  
20 (b) private donations; and  
21 (c) state contributions."

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Transfer of funds. By June 30, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer  
24 \$10 million from the general fund to the noxious weed management trust fund provided for in 80-7-811 and  
25 required by Article IX, section 6, of the Montana constitution.

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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