

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 795

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE
5 COAL BOARD FROM REVIEWS UNDER THE MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT FOR CERTAIN
6 GRANTS; 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 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Exemption from environmental review. The department is exempt
11 from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when authorizing grants related to infrastructure
12 projects or planning pursuant to this part.

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

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

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

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24 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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