1   SENATE BILL NO. 420

2   INTRODUCED BY E. BOLDMAN

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4   A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF FEES A LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5   MAY CHARGE FOR A CHILD'S USE OF CERTAIN PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES; PROVIDING

6   DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 7-1-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10   <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Section 1.   Fees for children's use of parks -- limits -- exceptions -- definitions.**

11   (1) A local government may not enact, adopt, implement, enforce, or refer to the electorate a rule, order,

12   ordinance, or policy that includes fees ~~that exceed $25 a month or $10 for a 3-consecutive-day period~~ for a

13   child's use of a park or sports field, other than a swimming pool, aquatic center, or ice recreation center

14   operated by the local government, <u>unless the fee is itemized per individual child, not per sport, team, or</u>

15   <u>program</u>.

16   (2)   A fee charged to a children's sports team ~~may not exceed the amounts listed in subsection (1)~~

17   <u>must be</u> based on each individual child.

18   (3)   For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

19   (a)   "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

20   (b)   "Children's sports team" means an ongoing organized athletic activity made up of a majority of

21   participants under 18 years of age.

22   (c)   "Local government" includes a county, a consolidated government, an incorporated city or

23   town, or a special district.

24   <u>(4)   C<small>ONTRACTS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO</small> J<small>ULY</small> 1, 2025, <small>ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION.</small></u>

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26   **Section 2.** Section 7-1-111, MCA, is amended to read:

27   **"7-1-111.   Powers denied.** A local government unit with self-government powers is prohibited from

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