

SENATE BILL NO. 167

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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