

**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act directing the Department of Environmental Quality to take actions to assume the federal dredge and fill permitting program; and providing a contingent effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Department to assume federal dredge and fill permitting.** The department shall take all actions necessary to receive federal authorization pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1344 to administer an individual and general permit program for the discharge of dredged or fill material into the navigable waters within its jurisdiction.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, chapter 5, part 2, and the provisions of Title 75, chapter 5, part 2, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Contingent effective date.** [This act] is effective on the date that the United States army corps of engineers and the environmental protection agency fully enforce the final rule defining "waters of the United

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States," as it reads in the Federal Register on June 29, 2015.

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