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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING MOTOR
VEHICLES USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF
RECYCLABLE OR RECYCLED MATERIALS FROM LAWS REGULATING MOTOR
CARRIERS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 69-12-101 AND 69-12-102,
MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 69-12-101, MCA, is amended to read: 11 12 "69-12-101. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter the following definitions apply: 13 14 (1) "Between fixed termini" or "over a regular route" 15 means the termini or route between or over which a motor 16 carrier usually or ordinarily operates motor vehicles, even 17 though there may be periodical or irregular departures from 18 the termini or route.

19 (2) "Certificate" means the certificate of public20 convenience and necessity issued under this chapter.

(3) "Compensation" means the charge imposed on motor
 carriers for the use of the highways in this state by motor
 carriers under 69-12-421.

24 (4) "Corporation" means a corporation, company,25 association, or joint-stock association.



1 (5) "For hire" means for remuneration of any kind, paid 2 or promised, either directly or indirectly, or received or 3 obtained through leasing, brokering, or buy-and-sell 4 arrangements from which a remuneration is obtained or 5 derived for transportation service.

(6) "Motor carrier" means a person or corporation, or 6 7 its lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court, operating motor vehicles upon any public highway in this 8 9 state for the transportation of persons or property for hire 10 on a commercial basis, either as a common carrier or under private contract, agreement, charter, or undertaking. The 11 12 term includes any motor carrier serving the public in the 13 business of transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, and organic and inorganic matter. 14

(7) "Motor vehicle" includes vehicles or machines,
motor trucks, tractors, or other self-propelled vehicles
used for the transportation of property or persons over the
public highways of the state.

19 (8) "Person" means an individual, firm, or partnership.

20 (9) "Public highway" means a public street, road,

21 highway, or way in this state.

(10) "Railroad" means the movement of cars on rails,regardless of the motive power used.

24 (<u>11) "Recyclable\_or\_recycl</u>ed\_materials" means\_material

25 collected or recovered from waste that is en route to or

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#### 1 from a recycling center."

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Section 2. Section 69-12-102, MCA, is amended to read:
"69-12-102. Scope of chapter -- exemptions. (1) This
chapter does not affect:

5 (a) motor vehicles used in carrying property consisting 6 of agricultural commodities (not including manufactured 7 products thereof) if the motor vehicles are not used in 8 carrying other property or passengers for compensation;

9 (b) the operation of school buses which are used in 10 conveying pupils or other students enrolled in classes to 11 and from district or other schools or in transportation 12 movements related to school activities which are sponsored 13 or supervised by school authorities;

(c) the transportation by means of motor vehicles in the regular course of business of employees, supplies, and materials by a person or corporation engaged exclusively in the construction or maintenance of highways or engaged exclusively in logging or mining operations, insofar as the use of employees, supplies, and materials in construction and production is concerned;

(d) the transportation of property by motor vehicle in
a city, town, or village with a population of less than 500
persons according to the latest United States census or in
the commercial areas thereof, as determined by the
commission;

(e) the transportation of newspapers, newspaper
 supplements, periodicals, or magazines;

3 (f) tow trucks and wreckers designed and exclusively 4 used in towing abandoned, wrecked, or disabled vehicles or 5 while these tow trucks and wreckers are rendering assistance 6 to abandoned, wrecked, or disabled vehicles;

7 (g) motor vehicles used exclusively in carrying junk
8 vehicles from a collection point to a motor vehicle wrecking
9 facility or a motor vehicle graveyard;

10 (h) ambulances;

(i) the transportation of pit run or processed sand and gravel, concrete mix, åggregate, plant mix asphalt pavement, aggregate mix, dirt, rock, material from demolished buildings and structures, used paving materials, used concrete, broken concrete, riprap, and other forms and types of materials transported solely for the purpose of excavation or fill;

18 (j) the transportation by motor vehicle of not more 19 than 15 passengers between their places of residence or 20 termini near their residences and their places of employment 21 in a single daily round trip if the driver is also on his 22 way to or from his place of employment;

(k) the transportation of property by motor carrier as
part of a continuous movement if such property, prior or
subsequent to such part of a continuous movement, has been

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or will be transported by an air carrier; 1 2 (1) the operation of: (i) a transportation system by a municipality or 3 transportation district as provided in Title 7, chapter 14, 4 part 2; or 5 6 (ii) municipal bus service pursuant to Title 7, chapter 7 14, part 44; (m) armored motor vehicles used exclusively for the 8 transportation of coins, currency, silver bullion, gold 9 10 bullion, and other precious metals, precious stones, valuable paintings, and other items of unusual value 11 requiring special handling and security; or 12 13 (n) the transportation of a commodity under an agreement between a motor carrier and an office or agency of 14 the United States government-; or 15 16 (o) motor vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of recyclable or recycled materials. 17 18 (2) This chapter does not prevent bona fide leases, brokerage agreements, or buy-and-sell agreements." 19 -End-

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# STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

### Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0027, as introduced.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act exempting motor vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of recyclable or recycled materials from laws regulating motor carriers; and amending sections 69-12-101 and 69-12-102, MCA.

# ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Currently no motor carrier has authority to haul solely recyclable materials; rather, all motor carriers currently authorized to haul recyclable materials have concurrent authority to haul other materials and/or commodities.
- 2. Since the motor carriers currently hauling recyclable materials likewise haul other materials which are not exempt from regulatory licenses and fees, the exemption of recyclable materials does not effect current workloads or revenues.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

None

# EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

None

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Fiscal Note for <u>SB0027 as introduced</u>.