1   Senate BILL NO. 346

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4   A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX

5   ON NON-INTEREST BEARING DEPOSITS IN BANKS; PROVIDING FOR THE

6   DISTRIBUTION OF THE TAX TO THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE."

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

9   Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to

10 replace that portion of the property tax levied upon solvent

11 credits which has been applied to non-interest bearing bank

12 deposits with an excise tax on such deposits.

13   Section 2. Definition.   As   used   in   this   act,

14 "non-interest bearing bank deposits" include all monies

15 which may be deposited in a bank as checking accounts or

16 other accounts from which the depositor receives no interest

17 income and which the depositor may withdraw at any time.

18   Section 3. Tax imposed -- rate. There is an excise

19 tax upon all the non-interest bearing bank deposits on

20 account with each bank in the state as of the close of

21 business on the last Friday in June each year. The rate of

22 this tax is forty cents ($.40) per one hundred dollars

23 ($100) of non-interest bearing bank deposits.

24   Section 4. Collection of tax. The tax due under this

25 chapter shall be paid to the department of revenue before

1   July 31 each year, on forms provided by the department.

2   Each bank paying the tax shall report the total of its

3   non-interest bearing deposits on the due date.

4   Section 5. Suit to recover delinquent taxes.   The

5   department may sue in district court to collect delinquent

6   taxes due under this chapter.

7   Section 6. Distribution of proceeds of tax.   The

8   department shall apportion the proceeds of the tax imposed

9   under this chapter each year to the counties of the state.

10 Each county shall receive a share of the proceeds equal to

11 its portion of the population of the state, as indicated in

12 the most recent decennial census. The share shall be paid

13 to the county treasurer and deposited in the county general

14 fund.

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