

1 ^H BILL NO. ¹⁴⁹
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Timothy Lynch through MULLER*
 3 ^{NAME} BY REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS
 4 *Grand meadow FAGE Country*

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR
 6 DISTRIBUTION OF FEES, FINES, PENALTIES, AND OTHER MONEYS
 7 COLLECTED UNDER THE HARD-ROCK MINING ACT AND PROVIDING AN
 8 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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 12 penalties, and other uncleared moneys which have been or
 13 will be paid to the department of state lands under the
 14 provisions of chapter 12, Title 50, R.C.M. 1947, shall be
 15 placed in the earmarked revenue fund in the state treasury
 16 and credited to a special account to be designated as the
 17 hard-rock mining and reclamation account. This account
 18 shall be available to the department by appropriation and
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 20 chapter 12, Title 50, R.C.M. 1947, and for the reclamation
 21 and revegetation of land and the rehabilitation of water
 22 affected by any mining operations. Any unencumbered and any
 23 unexpended balance of this account remaining at the end of a
 24 fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward for
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INTRODUCED BILL

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HB 149

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 65-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 13, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 149 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 149 will provide for the disposition of fees, fines and penalties collected under the Hard-Rock Mining Act.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of State Lands will collect approximately \$6,880.00 per year because of the Hard-Rock Mining Act.
2. If House Bill 149 is not passed, all collections would be deposited into the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

| | <u>FY 78</u> | <u>FY 79</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Current revenue to general fund | \$22,080 | \$ 6,880 | \$28,960 |
| Less: Transfer of general fund revenue to earmarked revenue fund per proposed legislation | <u>22,080</u> | <u>6,880</u> | <u>28,960</u> |
| Net revenue impact | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> |

House Bill 149 will not affect total revenues, only the disposition of the revenues.

Richard L. Drury for
 BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning
 Date: 1-18-77

Approved by Committee
on Natural Resources

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