

HOUSE BILL 222

IN THE HOUSE

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Introduced and referred to
Committee on Natural Resources.

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Committee recommend bill,
do not pass.

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Report adopted.

1 *House* BILL NO. *222*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE
 5 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION TO
 6 ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF SILT FROM RESERVOIRS
 7 BEHIND DAMS."

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

10 Section 1. Silt-removal program. (1) The department of
 11 natural resources and conservation shall develop and
 12 implement a program for the removal of silt from reservoirs
 13 behind dams subject to department jurisdiction under
 14 85-15-103 and 85-15-104. This program shall formulate
 15 criteria to determine the economic and technical feasibility
 16 of silt removal. Where feasible, excess electric power from
 17 power-generating dams shall be utilized for the removal of
 18 silt from the reservoirs behind these dams. The department
 19 shall develop methods for silt removal and shall provide
 20 technical assistance to private persons and governmental
 21 agencies in establishing programs for particular dams. The
 22 department may charge for this assistance and may enter
 23 contracts for providing services related to silt removal.

24 (2) The silt-removal program may be extended to dams
 25 and reservoirs owned or operated by the United States upon

1 agreement of the federal government.

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