SENATE BILL NO. 192

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM CROP SHARE RENTAL FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASES ON STATE LAND IS 30 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL CROP; AMENDING SECTION 77-6-501, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 77-6-501, MCA, is amended to read:

"77-6-501. Agricultural leases. (1) As to agricultural
lands, all leases shall be continued or made upon a crop
share rental basis of not less than one-fourth 20% of the
annual crops to the state or the usual landlord's share
prevailing in the district, whichever is greater. The board
may, however, approve special crop share rentals of less
than one-fourth 30% for high production cost crops such as
but not limited to potatoes and sugar beets. The board may
not delegate the authority to approve such special crop
share rentals.

(2) In unusual cases the department may authorize a lease upon other basis than crop share, but in these unusual cases the rental shall at least equal the value of the usual landlord's share prevailing in the district, and the

- 1 department shall set forth in the records the unusual
- 2 conditions of the case and the rental to be charged. --End--End--