## HOUSE BILL NO. 791

### INTRODUCED BY BRANDEWIE

### IN THE HOUSE

February 12, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 25, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 27, 1985	Second reading, do pass as amended.
	On motion, rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.
	Third reading, passed.
	Transmitted to Senate.

### IN THE SENATE

March 6, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
March 29, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.

On motion, rules temporarily suspended in order that all bills considered on second reading on the 70th Legislative Day advance to third reading that same day.

April 1, 1985

Second reading, concurred in.

Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.

Returned to House with amendments.

### IN THE HOUSE

April 2, 1985

Received from Senate.

April 8, 1985

Second reading, amendments concurred in.

On motion, rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.

Third reading, amendments concurred in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION

5 OF A SUBDIVISION UNDER THE MONTANA SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING

6 ACT; PROVIDING RESTRICTED REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN

7 SUBDIVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-103, 76-3-104,

8 76-3-505, AND 76-3-609, MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 76-3-103, MCA, is amended to read:

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14 otherwise, the following words or phrases shall have the

15 following meanings:

- 16 (1) "Certificate of survey" means a drawing of a field 17 survey prepared by a registered surveyor for the purpose of 18 disclosing facts pertaining to boundary locations.
  - (2) "Dedication" means the deliberate appropriation of land by an owner for any general and public use, reserving to himself no rights which are incompatible with the full exercise and enjoyment of the public use to which the property has been devoted.
- 24 (3) "Division of land" means the segregation of one or 25 more parcels of land from a larger tract held in single or

undivided ownership by transferring or contracting to transfer title to or possession of a portion of the tract or properly filing a certificate of survey or subdivision plat establishing the identity of the segregated parcels pursuant to this chapter.

- (4) "Examining land surveyor" means a registered land surveyor duly appointed by the governing body to review surveys and plats submitted for filing.
- (5) "Governing body" means a board of county commissioners or the governing authority of any city or town organized pursuant to law.
- (6) "Irregularly shaped tract of land" means a parcel of land other than an aliquot part of the United States government survey section or a United States government lot, the boundaries or areas of which cannot be determined without a survey or trigonometric calculation.
- (7) "Occasional sale" means one sale of a division of land within any 12-month period.
- (8) "Planned unit development" means a land development project consisting of residential clusters, industrial parks, shopping centers, office building parks, or any combination thereof which comprises a planned mixture of land uses built in a prearranged relationship to each other and having open space and community facilities in common ownership or use.

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- 9 (11) "Final plat" means the final drawing of the 10 subdivision and dedication required by this chapter to be prepared for filing for record with the county clerk and 11 12 recorder and containing all elements and requirements set forth in this chapter and in regulations adopted pursuant 13 14 thereto.
  - (12) "Registered land surveyor" means a person licensed in conformance with the Montana Professional Engineers' Registration Act (Title 37, chapter 67) to practice surveying in the state of Montana.
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- 25 (15) "Subdivision" means a division of land or land so

1 divided which creates:

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- 2 (a) one or more parcels containing less than 20 acres, 3 exclusive of public roadways, in order that the title to or possession of the parcels may be sold, rented, leased, or otherwise conveyed and shall include any resubdivision and shall further include any condominium or area, regardless of its size, which provides or will provide multiple space for recreational camping vehicles, or mobile homes; and
- (b) two or more additional parcels, regardless of size, which are contiguous, connected by a common road or 11 road system, or connected by a common sewer or water system." 12
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  25 subdivision will be dedicated to public use for parks or

playgrounds, and which have been approved by the department of health and environmental sciences where such approval is required by part 1 of chapter 4; provided that reasonable local regulations may contain additional requirements for summary approval.

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Section-2:--Section-76-3-104;-MCA;-is-amended-to--read;

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#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT SENATE

Page 1 of 2		MARCH 28	19
MR. PRESIDENT			
We, your committee on	LOCAL	GOVERNMENT	
		BILL	No. 791
THIRD reading co	opy ( BLUE )		
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(b) The governing body shall deliver a copy of the determination of the review to the county clerk and recorder to be reflected on the certificate of survey or deed of conveyance of the land that was subject to review.

(c) The governing body may, upon application by a landowner, redetermine the suitability of access and easements. If the governing body determines that there has been a material change regarding access or easements and the change provides for suitable access and easements for services, it may determine that such land is now suitable as provided in subsection (2)(a)(i) and shall deliver a copy of such determination to the county clerk and recorder to be reflected on the certificate of survey or deed of conveyance.

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8	surveys-and-plats-submitted-for-filing-
9	(5)Governingbodymeansaboardofcounty
10	commissioners-or-the-governing-authority-of-any-city-or-town
11	organized-pursuant-to-law:
12	<pre>{6}"Irregularly-shaped-tract-of-land"-means-aparcel</pre>
13	oflandotherthananaliquot-part-of-the-United-States
14	government-survey-section-or-a-United-States-government-lot;
15	the-boundaries-for-areas-tof-which-cannot-be-determined
16	without-a-survey-or-trigonometric-calculation:
17	(7)"Occasionalsale"-means-one-sale-of-a-division-of
18	land-within-any-12-month-period-
19	(8)Plannedunitdevelopmentmeansaland
20	developmentprojectconsistingofresidentialclusters;
21	industrial-parks;-shopping-centers;-officebuildingparks;
22	or-any-combination-thereof-which-comprises-a-planned-mixture
23	oflandusesbuiltin-a-prearranged-relationship-to-each
24	other-and-having-openspaceandcommunityfacilitiesin



common-ownership-or-user

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1	(9)#Plat#meansagraphicalrepresentationofa
2	subdivision-showing-the-division-of-land-into-lots;-parcels;
3	blocks;streets;alleys;andotherdivisionsand
4	dedications.
5	(10)-"Preliminary-plat"-means-a-neat-and-scaled-drawing
6	ofaproposedsubdivisionshowing-the-layout-of-streets;
7	alleys, -lots, -blocks, -and-other-elementsofasubdivision
8	which-furnish-a-basis-for-review-by-a-governing-body:
9	<pre>tll; "Pinalplat"meansthefinaldrawingofthe</pre>
10	subdivision-and-dedication-required-by-thischaptertobe
11	preparedforfilingforrecord-with-the-county-clerk-and
12	recorder-and-containing-all-elementsandrequirementsset
13	forthinthischapter-and-in-regulations-adopted-pursuant
14	thereto:
15	(12)-"Registered-land-surveyor"-means-a-person-licensed
16	in-conformancewiththeMontanaProfessionalEngineers+
17	RegistrationAct(Title37,chapter67)topractice
18	surveying-in-the-state-of-Montana-
19	(13)-"Registered-professional-engineer"-means-aperson
20	licensedinconformancewiththeMontanaProfessional
21	Engineers:RegistrationAct(Title37;chapter67)to
22	practice-engineering-in-the-state-of-Montana-
23	(14)-"Subdivider"meansany-person-who-causes-land-to
24	be-subdivided-or-who-proposes-a-subdivision-of-land-
25	(15)-"Subdivision"-means-a-division-of-land-or-landso

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          tat--one-or-more-parcels-containing-less-than-20-acres;
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      exclusive--of-public-roadways;-in-order-that-the-title-to-or
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      possession-of-the-parcels-may-be-sold; --rented; --leased; --or
      otherwise--conveyed--and-shall-include-any-resubdivision-and
      shall-further-include-any-condominium-or-areay-regardless-of
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      its-size,-which-provides-or-will-provide-multiple-space--for
      recreational-camping-vehicles;-or-mobile-homes;-and
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          fb;--two--or--more--additional--parcels;--regardless-of
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      size--which-are-contiquous--connected-by-a--common--road--or
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      road--system;--or--connected--by--a--common--sewer--or-water
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      system-"
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          Section-2:--Section-76-3-104;-MCA;-is-amended-to--read:
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           #76-3-104---What----constitutes----subdivision-----A
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      subdivision-shall-comprise-only-those-parcels-less--than--20
      acres meeting--the--definition-of-"subdivision"-in-76-3-103
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      which-have-been-segregated-from-the-original-tracty-and--the
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      plat--thereof-shall-show-all-such-parcels-whether-contiquous
     or-not:"
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          Section 1. Section 76-3-505, MCA, is amended to read:
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           "76-3-505. Provision for summary review of minor
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      certain subdivisions AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF LAND. (1) Local
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      subdivision regulations shall include procedures for the
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      summary review and approval of subdivision plats containing
      five or fewer parcels where proper access to all lots is
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provided, where no land in the subdivision will be dedicated to public use for parks or playgrounds, and which have been approved by the department of health and environmental sciences where such approval is required by part 1 of chapter 4; provided that reasonable local regulations may contain additional requirements for summary approval.

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(2) Local subdivision regulations must include procedures for review of those subdivisions DIVISIONS OF LAND consisting exclusively of parcels 20 acres or larger subject to this chapter. Rules governing review of these subdivisions DIVISIONS OF LAND shall be limited to a written determination of whether appropriate access and easements are properly provided."

Section 2. Section 76-3-609, MCA, is amended to read:

"76-3-609. Review procedure for minor certain MINOR
subdivisions AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF LAND. (1) Subdivisions
containing five or fewer parcels where proper access to all
lots is provided and in which no land is to be dedicated to
the public for parks or playgrounds are to be reviewed as
follows:

the governing body must approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the first such subdivision from a tract of record within 35 days of the submission of an application for approval thereof.

+2)(b) The governing body shall state in writing the

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conditions which must be met if the subdivision is conditionally approved or what local regulations would not be met by the subdivision if it disapproves the subdivision.

4 t3+(c) The requirements for holding a public hearing
5 and preparing an environmental assessment shall not apply to
6 the first such subdivision created from a tract of record.

7 (4)(d) Subsequent subdivisions from a tract of record
8 shall be reviewed under 76-3-505 and regulations adopted
9 pursuant to that section.

(2) (A) For subdivisions DIVISIONS OF LAND consisting exclusively of parcels 20 acres and larger, the governing body shall approve;—conditionally—approve;—or—disapprove REVIEW the subdivision DIVISION OF LAND within 35 days of the submission of an application for approval REVIEW. The governing body's review and-approval must be limited to a written determination that appropriate access and easements are properly provided. THE REVIEW SHALL PROVIDE EITHER:

(I) THAT THE ACCESS AND EASEMENTS ARE SUITABLE FOR THE

PURPOSES OF PROVIDING APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO THE LAND; OR

(11) THAT THE ACCESS AND EASEMENTS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR

THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO THE LAND,

WHICH CASE THE COUNTY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS.

23 AND OTHER AUTHORITIES AND DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE LAND IS

24 LOCATED WILL NOT PROVIDE SERVICES THAT INVOLVE USE OF THE

25 UNSUITABLE ACCESS AND EASEMENTS. SUCH SERVICES INCLUDE:

1	(A) FIRE PROTECTION;
2	(B) SCHOOL BUSING;
3	(C) AMBULANCE;
4	(D) SNOW REMOVAL; AND
5	(E) SIMILAR SERVICES AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING
6	BODY.
7	(B) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL DELIVER A COPY OF THE
8	DETERMINATION OF THE REVIEW TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
9	TO BE REFLECTED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY OR DEED OF
10	CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND THAT WAS SUBJECT TO REVIEW.
11	(C) THE GOVERNING BODY MAY, UPON APPLICATION BY A
12	LANDOWNER, REDETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF ACCESS AND
13	EASEMENTS. IF THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES THAT THERE HAS
14	BEEN A MATERIAL CHANGE REGARDING ACCESS OR EASEMENTS AND THE
15	CHANGE PROVIDES FOR SUITABLE ACCESS AND EASEMENTS FOR
16	SERVICES, IT MAY DETERMINE THAT SUCH LAND IS NOW SUITABLE AS
17	PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(A)(I) AND SHALL DELIVER A COPY OF
18	SUCH DETERMINATION TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TO BE
19	REFLECTED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY OR DEED OF
20	CONVEYANCE.
21	(D) Requirements for holding a public hearing,
22	preparing an environmental assessment, and finding that the
23	subdivision DIVISION OF LAND is in the public interest do

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not apply."