

SENATE BILL NO. 347

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO HOLD A RAILROAD RESPONSIBLE TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING FIRES ON RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Railroad responsible for certain costs of fire suppression. Whenever costs incurred by an authorized fire control service organized under Title 7, chapter 33, to suppress fire burning uncontrolled and originating on railroad right-of-way lands exceed \$500 within the service area of any one such fire control service organization in one fire season, the authorized fire control service organization incurring the costs is entitled to reimbursement by the railroad for all actual and necessary expenses. The fire season begins May 1 and ends September 30 each year. The personal service costs associated with fire suppression must be calculated at the rate of \$15 a man-hour.

Section 2. Codification instruction. Section 1 is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 14, and the provisions of Title 69 apply to section

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1. Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective on passage and approval.

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