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2 INTRODUCED BY *House* BILL NO. *453*
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6 RECREATIONISTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS IN MATTERS
7 CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LEVEL OF FLATHEAD LAKE;
8 AMENDING SECTION 90-1-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
9 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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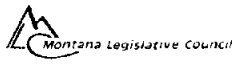
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18 management and regulation of the level of Flathead lake."

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-2- INTRODUCTION BILL
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