

HOUSE BILL 781

Introduced by Cohen

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 781
2 INTRODUCED BY Don
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAXATION
5 OF TIMBERLAND BASED ON ITS PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY RATHER THAN
6 ON THE VALUE OF TIMBER STANDING ON THE LAND; PROVIDING AN
7 APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND AN
8 APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Class thirteen property --
12 description -- taxable percentage. (1) Class thirteen
13 property includes all timberland.

14 (2) Timberland is contiguous land exceeding 15 acres
15 in one ownership that is capable of producing timber that
16 can be harvested in commercial quantity.

17 (3) Class thirteen property is taxed at the percentage
18 rate "P" of its capacity to produce timber and agricultural
19 commodities.

20 (4) The taxable percentage rate "P" for class thirteen
21 property is 30%.

22 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Assessment of timberland.
23 Class thirteen property in [section 1] is assessed at 100%
24 of the appraised value of the property based on its capacity
25 to produce timber and agricultural commodities.

1 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. There is
2 appropriated from the general fund the following amounts to
3 the department of revenue for the purpose of reclassifying
4 timberland and establishing the productive capacity of the
5 land, rather than the value of timber standing on the land,
6 as the basis of taxing timberland:

7 Fiscal year 1990	\$223,600
8 Fiscal year 1991	\$158,680

9 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Extension of authority. Any
10 existing authority to make rules on the subject of the
11 provisions of [this act] is extended to the provisions of
12 [this act].

13 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction. (1)
14 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
15 of Title 15, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title
16 15 apply to [section 1].

17 (2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an
18 integral part of Title 15, chapter 8, and the provisions of
19 Title 15, chapter 8, apply to [section 2].

20 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective dates --
21 applicability. (1) [Sections 1 and 2] are effective January
22 1, 1998, and apply to all taxable years beginning after
23 December 31, 1997.

24 (2) [Section 3] is effective July 1, 1989.

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