

HOUSE BILL 5

Introduced by Elliott

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5
INTRODUCED BY ELLIOTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PRIVATIZING THE NURSERY
AND GROUNDS PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANDS; REQUIRING THAT BIDS BE SOLICITED FOR OPERATION OF THE
NURSERY AND GROUNDS PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

WHEREAS, the Department of State Lands Forestry Division
operates a nursery and grounds program to raise plants for
the vegetation and revegetation of state lands, for
agricultural shelter belts, and for ornamental purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a state nursery and
grounds program be operated by a private nursery service
provider rather than by a state entity.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Privatization of state nursery
and grounds program -- solicitation of bids. Operation of
the state nursery and grounds program must be by public
contract with a private nursery service provider. In order
to ensure the most cost-effective operation, bids must be
solicited from interested private providers and awarded in
the manner established in Title 18, chapter 1.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Effective dates. (1) The

provision in [section 1] that requires solicitation of bids
is effective on passage and approval.

(2) Privatization of the state nursery and grounds
program is effective upon the award of a bid that results in
a net savings to the state.

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