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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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ASSUMPTIONS:

The proposed legislation is for clarification of section 61-10-124 (3) (a)-(d). Under 61-10-124 (2), the department is authorized to issued permits for size and weight in excess of the size and weight specified in 61-10-101 through 61-10-110.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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