**** BILL NO. ****

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BY REQUEST OF THE ****

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT ***; AMENDING SECTION 1-2-201, MCA.”

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

Section 1. Section 1-2-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"**1-2-201. Statutes -- effective date.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), (1)(c), or (1)(d), every statute adopted after January 1, 1981, takes effect on the first day of October ~~following~~ of the year of its passage and approval or upon its passage and approval, whichever is later, unless a different time is prescribed in the enacting legislation.

(b) Subject to subsection (1)(d), every statute providing for appropriation by the legislature for public funds for a public purpose takes effect on the first day of July ~~following~~ of the year of its passage and approval or upon its passage and approval, whichever is later, unless a different time is prescribed in the enacting legislation.

(c) Subject to subsection (1)(d), every statute providing for the taxation of or the imposition of a fee on motor vehicles takes effect on the first day of January following its passage and approval unless a different time is prescribed in the enacting legislation.

(d) Every statute enacted during a special session of the legislature takes effect upon passage and approval unless a different time is prescribed in the enacting legislation.

(e) If an effective date provided in the enacting legislation is prior to its passage and approval then the statute takes effect upon its passage and approval.

(2) "Passage", as used in subsection (1), means the enactment into law of a bill, which has passed the legislature, either with or without the approval of the governor, as provided in the constitution."

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