

1 SENATE BILL NO. 204

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE PROGRAM
5 IN DEER LODGE."

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

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Natural resource damage program.** (1) There is a bureau to be known
10 as the natural resource damage program administratively attached to the department of justice under the control
11 of the governor as natural resource trustee.

12 (2) The natural resource damage program is responsible for duties related to natural resource damage
13 litigation, including but not limited to natural resource damage assessments, recovery of monetary damages for
14 injuries to natural resources caused by oil, hazardous substances, and other contaminants, and developing and
15 implementing natural resource restoration plans.

16 (3) The natural resource damage program must be physically located in Deer Lodge, Montana.

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18 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
19 integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 20, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 20, apply to [section 1].

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