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7 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITIES;
8 PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF ~~RENTAL CAR SALES AND USE~~ THE RAILROAD CAR TAX IS
9 DISTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITIES; PROVIDING PURPOSES FOR WHICH REGIONAL RAIL
10 AUTHORITIES MAY USE THE FUNDING; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING
11 SECTIONS ~~15-65-121, 15-68-820, 17-7-502, 22-3-1303, 22-3-1304, AND 22-3-1307~~ ~~7-14-1624, 15-23-215,~~
12 AND 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE **AND A TERMINATION DATE.**"

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,

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(Refer to Introduced Bill)

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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19 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Big sky rail account.** (1) There is a big sky rail account in the state
20 special revenue fund established in 17-2-102. The account consists of money deposited in the account
21 pursuant to 15-23-215.

22 (2) The money in the account is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, to the
23 department of transportation.

24 (3) The department of transportation shall annually distribute by August 1 money in the account to
25 regional rail authorities established pursuant to 7-14-1621 before January 1, 2025. A regional rail authority shall
26 use the money for the purposes provided for in 7-14-1624(2).

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28 **Section 2.** Section 7-14-1624, MCA, is amended to read:

1 113, and 81-7-106 terminates June 30, 2029; pursuant to sec. 9, Ch. 44, L. 2023, the inclusion of 15-1-142
2 terminates December 31, 2025; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 47, L. 2023, the inclusion of 15-1-2302 terminates
3 June 30, 2025; pursuant to sec. 2, Ch. 374, L. 2023, the inclusion of 10-3-802 terminates June 30, 2031;
4 pursuant to sec. 12, Ch. 558, L. 2023, the inclusion of 20-9-250 terminates December 31, 2029; pursuant to
5 sec. 4, Ch. 621, L. 2023, the inclusion of 22-1-327 terminates July 1, 2029; pursuant to sec. 24, Ch. 722, L.
6 2023, the inclusion of 17-7-133 terminates June 30, 2027; pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 758, L. 2023, the inclusion
7 of 44-4-1506 terminates June 30, 2027; and pursuant to sec. 10, Ch. 764, L. 2023, the inclusion of 15-1-143
8 terminates December 31, 2025.)"

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
11 integral part of Title 60, chapter 11, part 1, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 11, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Termination.** [This act] terminates July 1, 2031.

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