



AN ACT CREATING THE SAWMILL REVITALIZATION SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS TO PROVIDE LOANS TO PARTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING FOR A FUND TRANSFER; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

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

**Section 1. Sawmill revitalization special revenue account.** (1) There is a sawmill revitalization special revenue account within the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

(2) The board of investments shall administer money deposited in the account in accordance with the Montana In-State Investment Act, Title 17, chapter 6, part 3.

(3) The board shall make loans at an interest rate not to exceed 4% from this account to parties with the capacity to revitalize a closed sawmill and return it to commercial operation.

**Section 2. Transfer of funds.** By June 30, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer \$6 million from the capital developments long-range building program account established in 17-7-209 to the sawmill revitalization special revenue account provided for in [section 1].

**Section 3. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$6 million from the sawmill revitalization account in [section 1] to the board of investments for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to provide loans to parties with the capacity to revitalize a closed sawmill and return it to commercial operation pursuant to [this act].

(2) Money from this appropriation that is not spent during the biennium must revert to the capital developments long-range building program account.

**Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 90, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 90, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

**Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

**Section 6. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2027.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 876, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK, C. KEOGH

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