

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Senate Bill Number 141

Legislative Action:

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Senate: _____

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: Senate Health & Human Services Committee

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “An Act allowing the department of natural resources and conservation to use controlled burning as a method to address forest insect infestations or disease; amending section 76-13-304, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Section 76-13-304, MCA, is amended to read:

“76-13-304. Suppression and eradication of infestation.

(1) The department may enter upon the land within the zone and cause the forest insect pest infestation or forest disease to be suppressed, eradicated, and destroyed in the manner approved by it.

(2) In order to accomplish the suppression, eradication, and destruction of the infestation, the department may enter into cooperative agreements with the federal government or other public or private agencies and with forest landowners, using such funds as are made available for those purposes.

(3) The department may use controlled burning or logging as methods to suppress or eradicate forest insect pest infestation or forest tree disease.”

Section 2. [This act] is effective upon immediate passage and approval.

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