



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RENAMING THE CHIEF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TO CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-218, 2-15-219, AND 2-18-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 2-15-218, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-218. Office of economic development -- structure. (1) There is an office of economic development within the office of the governor.

(2) The head of the office is the chief ~~business~~economic development officer, who must be appointed by the governor.

(3) The office of economic development is composed of the following policy and program specialties:

- (a) business retention and recruitment;
- (b) workforce development;
- (c) technology development;
- (d) infrastructure improvement; and
- (e) permitting and regulatory processes.

(4) The office may employ or contract with policy specialists to implement the programs listed in subsection (3) and the functions referred to in 2-15-219.

(5) The office may accept grants, loans, and other gifts from sources other than the state for the purpose of administering the provisions of 2-15-219, 90-1-112 through 90-1-114, and this section."

Section 2. Section 2-15-219, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-219. Chief ~~business-economic~~ development officer -- duties. The chief ~~business-economic~~ development officer shall:

- (1) advise the governor on policy issues related to economic development;
- (2) ~~lead~~ coordinate the state's business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts;
- (3) coordinate the development and distribution of a statewide coordinated strategic economic development plan;
- (4) coordinate the individual functions and programs within the office as provided in 2-15-218; and
- (5) serve as the state's primary liaison between federal, state, and local agencies, Montana tribal governments, private, nonprofit economic development organizations, and the private sector."

Section 3. Section 2-18-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-18-103. Officers and employees excepted. Parts 1 through 3 and 10 do not apply to the following officers and employees in state government:

- (1) elected officials;
- (2) county assessors and their chief deputies;
- (3) employees of the office of consumer counsel;
- (4) judges and employees of the judicial branch;
- (5) members of boards and commissions appointed by the governor, the legislature, or other elected state officials;
- (6) officers or members of the militia;
- (7) agency heads appointed by the governor;
- (8) academic and professional administrative personnel with individual contracts under the authority of the board of regents of higher education;
- (9) academic and professional administrative personnel and live-in houseparents who have entered into individual contracts with the state school for the deaf and blind under the authority of the state board of public education;

- (10) investment officer, assistant investment officer, executive director, and eight professional staff positions of the board of investments;
- (11) four professional staff positions under the board of oil and gas conservation;
- (12) director of the Montana state lottery and assistant director for security of the Montana state lottery;
- (13) executive director and employees of the state compensation insurance fund;
- (14) state racing stewards employed by the executive secretary of the Montana board of horseracing;
- (15) executive director of the Montana wheat and barley committee;
- (16) commissioner of banking and financial institutions;
- (17) training coordinator for county attorneys;
- (18) employees of an entity of the legislative branch consolidated, as provided in 5-2-504;
- (19) chief information officer in the department of administration;
- (20) chief ~~business-economic~~ development officer and six professional staff positions in the office of economic development provided for in 2-15-218; and
- (21) the director of the office of state public defender provided for in 2-15-1029."

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 199, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 199

INTRODUCED BY T. BROCKMAN

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