



Montana Grain Growers Association

2021 Montana Legislature Update - Week 3



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“It’s different!” seems to be the response when you ask anyone involved in the state legislature. As everyone navigates the session with COVID mandates the challenge seems to be communication. The best way to work through a session is meeting folks in the hallway, at a reception, luncheon and in the comings and goings of Helena. Phone calls and emails are now ever more vital in order to communicate on the happenings.

Tuesday, January 19th was legislative day 12 and the last day to request general bills & resolutions. Have no fear, there are plenty of placeholders (vehicles) for legislation to jump into further down the road.

This Week:

[HB 23](#) – Revises the tax lien and tax deed process laws by providing that a property with a residence is subject to a tax deed auction only if the owner occupies the residence, requiring the high bidder to pay auction costs and providing that the county treasurer distributes surplus auction proceeds to the legal titleholder.

[HB 77](#) – Revises the laws relating to motor carrier services by modifying trailer length measurement, allowing term permits to extend beyond the current GVW license, expanding the definition of trucks that may bypass scales and clarifying the marking of commercial vehicles.

[HB 142](#) – Revises the regulation and definition of hemp.

[SB 65](#) – Revises civil liability laws pertaining to COVID-19 by limiting the liability of premises owners and healthcare providers.

[SB 114](#) – Increases the homestead value limitation from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

Next Week:

[HB 2](#) General Appropriations Act
Llew Jones (R) HD 18

(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning
01/29/2021 8:30 AM, Room 317B

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