

HOUSE BILL NO. 614

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING PULSE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM
PROPERTY TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-220, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE
AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 15-6-220, MCA, is amended to read:

**"15-6-220. Agricultural processing facilities exemption -- canola -- malting barley -- industrial
dairy -- ethanol.** (1) The following property is exempt from property taxation:

(a) machinery and equipment used in a canola seed oil processing facility;

(b) machinery and equipment used in a malting barley facility;

(c) personal property used by an industrial dairy or an industrial milk processor and dairy livestock used
by an industrial dairy; ~~and~~

(d) all manufacturing machinery, fixtures, equipment, and tools used for the production of ethanol from
grain during the course of the construction of an ethanol manufacturing facility and for 10 years after completion
of construction of the manufacturing facility; and

(e) machinery and equipment used in a pulse processing facility.

(2) "Canola seed oil processing facility" means a facility that:

(a) extracts oil from canola seeds, refines the crude oil to produce edible oil, formulates and packages
the edible oil into food products, or engages in any one or more of those processes; and

(b) employs at least 15 employees in a full-time capacity.

(3) "Industrial dairy" means a large-scale dairy operation with 1,000 or more milking cows and includes
the dairy livestock and integral machinery and equipment that the dairy uses to produce milk and milk products
solely for export from the state, either directly by the dairy or after the milk or milk product has been further
processed by an industrial milk processor. After export, any unprocessed milk must be further processed into
other dairy products.

