

HOUSE BILL NO. 497

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RESTRICTING THE TYPES OF ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWED IN AN ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; ALLOWING ONLY INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC OR ENTERTAINMENT; PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM DANCING FOR HIRE OR GAIN; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Establishments licensed for on-premises consumption -- entertainment restrictions -- penalty.** (1) The owner or proprietor of an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may not permit any entertainment in the establishment other than instrumental and vocal music or entertainment and radio and television entertainment. Permitted entertainment may be provided by paid or voluntary live entertainers or performers or by mechanical, electrical, electronic, or other comparable device or equipment.

(2) The owner or proprietor of an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may not permit any person to dance, promenade, or exhibit that person for gain, drinks, hire, or the solicitation of orders for alcoholic beverages.

(3) An owner, proprietor, or person in charge of an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption who is convicted of permitting any activity prohibited by subsection (1) or (2) shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 16, and the provisions of Title 16 apply to [section 1].

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