

SENATE BILL NO. 476

INTRODUCED BY J. O'NEIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE BEFORE A COURT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-61-210, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 37-61-210, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-61-210. Penalty for practicing without license unauthorized practice before court. (1) If any person practices law in any court, except a justice's court, ~~or a city court, or water court,~~ without authorization or having received a license as attorney and counselor, ~~he~~ that person is guilty of a ~~contempt of court~~ unauthorized practice before a court.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of unauthorized practice before a court shall be fined not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 days, or both."

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