

HOUSE BILL NO. 190

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A COLLECTION AGENCY FROM REPORTING TO A CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY AN INDIVIDUAL'S MEDICAL DEBTS THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER FOR COLLECTION."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Prohibition on reporting medical debts by collection agency.** A collection agency doing business in this state may not report, file, or disseminate to a consumer credit reporting agency in any manner information on medical debts that it is trying to collect from an individual.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 30, chapter 14, part 1, and the provisions of Title 30, chapter 14, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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