

1 SENATE BILL NO. 216

2 INTRODUCED BY J. PETERSON

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING THE CODE OF THE WEST AS THE OFFICIAL
5 CODE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. State code.** The code of the west, as derived from the book Cowboy Ethics
10 by James P. Owen, is the official code of the state of Montana and is stated as follows:

11 (1) Live each day with courage.

12 (2) Take pride in your work.

13 (3) Always finish what you start.

14 (4) Do what has to be done.

15 (5) Be tough, but fair.

16 (6) When you make a promise, keep it.

17 (7) Ride for the brand.

18 (8) Talk less and say more.

19 (9) Remember that some things aren't for sale.

20 (10) Know where to draw the line.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
23 integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, apply to [section 1].

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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