

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IT IS A FELONY TO PROVIDE A FALSE  
5 REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT REGARDING A FELONY OFFENSE; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND  
6 AMENDING SECTION 45-7-205, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 45-7-205, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"45-7-205. False reports to law enforcement authorities.** (1) A person commits an offense under this  
12 section if the person knowingly:

- 13 (a) gives false information to any law enforcement officer with the purpose to implicate another;
- 14 (b) reports to law enforcement authorities an offense or other incident within their concern knowing that  
15 it did not occur; or
- 16 (c) pretends to furnish law enforcement authorities with information relating to an offense or incident  
17 when the person knows that the person has no information relating to the offense or incident.

18 (2) (a) A person convicted under this section of providing a false report to law enforcement authorities  
19 regarding a misdemeanor offense shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county  
20 jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both.

21 (b) A person convicted under this section of providing a false report to law enforcement authorities  
22 regarding a felony offense shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$10,000 or be imprisoned in the state prison  
23 for a term not to exceed 10 years, or both."

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