

SENATE BILL NO. 282

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REGULATION OF THE AWARD OF DEGREES OR CERTIFICATES; AMENDING SECTION 20-25-107, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 20-25-107, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-25-107. Regulation of award of degrees -- penalty. (1) ~~No person, corporation, association, or institution shall issue any degree or such similar literary honors as are usually granted by universities or colleges without the prior approval of the regents of the adequacy of the course of study. The board of regents shall approve the adequacy of all academic degree programs before any person, corporation, association, or institution may issue a certificate of applied science, an associate degree, a baccalaureate or bachelor's degree, a master's degree, a professional degree, a doctoral degree, or any other degree that the grantor purports to be similar or equivalent to one of the listed degrees, regardless of how it is denominated.~~

~~(2) This section does not apply to any educational institution accredited by an educational accrediting association whose accrediting is found by the regents to be generally recognized by state and other universities in the United States.~~

~~(3)~~(2) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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