

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

INTRODUCED BY J. ECK

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING ELECTRONIC MAIL AS A METHOD OF ACCEPTING A VICTIM NOTIFICATION REQUEST AND OF PROVIDING NOTIFICATION TO VICTIMS; AMENDING SECTION 46-24-213, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 46-24-213, MCA, is amended to read:

"46-24-213. General requirements for information. (1) Unless specifically stated otherwise, the requirements of 44-2-601, 46-24-104, 46-24-201 through 46-24-203, 46-24-211, and 46-24-212 to provide information to the victim may be satisfied by either written, e-mail, or oral communication with the victim or the victim's designee.

(2) The person responsible for providing information required by 44-2-601, 46-24-104, 46-24-201 through 46-24-203, 46-24-211, and 46-24-212 shall promptly inform the victim of significant changes in the information.

(3) The obligation to furnish information to a victim under 44-2-601, 46-24-104, 46-24-201 through 46-24-203, 46-24-211, and 46-24-212 is conditioned upon the victim informing the appropriate agency in writing or by electronic mail of the name, mailing address, e-mail address, if applicable, and telephone number of the person to whom the information should be provided and of any change of name, mailing or e-mail address, or telephone number."

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

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