

SENATE BILL NO. 239

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROTECTING THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF MONTANA DOG OWNERS BY PROHIBITING COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODIES FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING REGULATIONS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO A BREED OF DOG."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Breed-specific dog regulation prohibited.** The governing body of a county may not enact or enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or other regulation that is specific as to the breed or perceived breed of a dog. This section does not restrict the authority of the governing body to enact an ordinance as provided in part 1 or this part that applies to all dogs.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Breed-specific dog regulation prohibited.** The governing body of a city or town may not enact or enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or other regulation that is specific as to the breed or perceived breed of a dog. This section does not restrict the authority of the governing body to enact an ordinance as provided in part 1 or this part that applies to all dogs.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 23, part 21, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 23, part 21, apply to [section 1].
(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 23, part 41, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 23, part 41, apply to [section 2].

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