

HOUSE BILL NO. 392

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL ROCK AND ROLL SONG FOR MONTANA."

WHEREAS, the song "Hippy Hippy Shake" was written by Robert Lee "Chan" Romero in 1959, when Romero was just 17 years old; and

WHEREAS, Romero, born in Billings, Montana, in 1941, was a student at Billings Senior High School when he wrote the song; and

WHEREAS, IN LATE 1958, THE ORIGINAL DEMO TAPE OF "HIPPIY HIPPIY SHAKE" WAS RECORDED BY LARRY FAUGHT AT LARRY FAUGHT RECORDING SERVICE RECORDING STUDIO IN BILLINGS, MONTANA; AND

WHEREAS, Billings deejay, Don Redfield, asked Romero and his band to come down to his station to record "Hippy Hippy Shake", and WHERE Redfield played a THE DEMO tape of the song over the phone for Del-Fi's Bob Keene who was impressed by the talent; and

WHEREAS, the Beatles recorded Romero's "Hippy Hippy Shake" for BBC Radio and played the song regularly in their early days; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Romero became the first Latino singer inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Montanans shake it to the left and shake it to the right, and do everything with all of their might.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. State rock and roll song.** The song "Hippy Hippy Shake", written by Robert Lee "Chan" Romero of Billings, Montana, is the official rock and roll song of Montana.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an 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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