

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 564
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CRIMINAL LAWS; CREATING THE
5 CRIME OF INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY
6 DATE."

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

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Interference with government functions. (1) A person commits the
11 crime of interference with government functions if the person, while acting with one or more persons, interferes
12 with, interrupts, or attempts to interfere with or interrupt a government operation or government proceeding by:

- 13 (a) engaging in techniques capable of causing bodily injury or death or a crime of violence; or
- 14 (b) training to engage in the techniques described in subsection (1)(a).

15 (2) A person convicted of violating the provisions of subsection (1) shall be punished as follows:

- 16 (a) for a first offense, by imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed 10 years or be
17 fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000, or both; and
- 18 (b) for a second offense, by imprisonment in the state prison for a term not to exceed 15 years or
19 be fined an amount not to exceed \$100,000, or both.

20 (3) If the attorney general or the appropriate county attorney has reasonable cause to believe that
21 a person or group of persons has engaged in or is about to engage in an act prohibited by subsection (1), the
22 attorney general or the appropriate county attorney may institute a civil action for preventative relief, including
23 an application for a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order in the appropriate court.

24 (4) A person who is injured as a result of a violation of subsection (1) may bring a civil action,
25 individually or jointly with other aggrieved persons, in the appropriate court for preventative relief, including an
26 action for a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order, or for damages incurred as a
27 result of a violation of subsection (1), including reasonable attorney fees or costs.

28 (5) As used in this section, "crime of violence" has the meaning provided in 45-8-302.

