

HOUSE BILL NO. 480
INTRODUCED BY D. STEINBEISSER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-7-118, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 61-7-118, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-7-118. Penalty for violation. (1) A person violating any provision of 61-7-104 through 61-7-110 or 61-7-112 through 61-7-114 is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon a first conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$10~~ \$200 or more than ~~\$100~~ \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than ~~10~~ 20 days. For a second conviction within 1 year ~~thereafter~~ of the first conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$25~~ \$300 or more than ~~\$200~~ \$400, or by imprisonment for not more than ~~20~~ 30 days, or by both ~~such fine and imprisonment~~. Upon a third or subsequent conviction within 1 year of the first conviction, an offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$50~~ \$400 or more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both ~~such fine and imprisonment~~.

(2) Subject to the limitations of 46-18-231(3), an offender who fails to pay a fine shall be imprisoned in the county jail in the county in which the offense was committed, and the punishment shall be commuted at the rate of 1 day's incarceration for each ~~\$10~~ \$20 of the fine."

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