



AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; INCREASING THE RATE AT WHICH FINES MAY BE COMMUTED BY JAIL TIME; 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 or more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 days. For a second conviction within 1 year thereafter, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 20 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 or more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or by both such fine and imprisonment.~~

(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 \$200 or more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than 20 days. For a second conviction within 1 year of the first conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$400, by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both. 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 \$400 or more than \$500, by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

~~(2)~~(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 ~~\$40~~ \$20 of the fine."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0480, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 480

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