

SENATE BILL NO. 286  
INTRODUCED BY M. COONEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE NAMING OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS, SPACES, AND ROOMS IN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX BY ~~ELIMINATING THE PROHIBITION THAT A NEW STATE BUILDING IN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX MAY NOT BE NAMED AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN DECEASED FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS~~; PROVIDING THAT THE CAPITOL BUILDING MAY NOT BE NAMED AFTER ANY PERSON; AMENDING SECTION 2-17-807, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 2-17-807, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-17-807. Approval for displays and naming buildings, spaces, and rooms.** (1) A state building, space, or room in the capitol complex may not be named after an individual or a bust, plaque, statue, memorial, monument, or art display may not be displayed on a long-term basis in the capitol complex or on the capitol complex grounds unless the building, space, or room name or display is approved by the legislature and complies with this part. The capitol building, including any future additions and expansions, may not be named after any person, as defined in 2-4-102.

(2) (a) ~~Except for state buildings constructed after [the effective date of this act] and~~ as provided in ~~subsection~~ SUBSECTIONS (2)(b) AND (2)(c), a state building, space, or room in the capitol complex may not be named after an individual or a bust, plaque, statue, memorial, monument, or art display commemorating an individual may not be displayed on a long-term basis in the capitol complex unless the individual has been deceased for at least 10 years.

(b) The statue of Mike and Maureen Mansfield authorized in 2-17-808(1)(d)(iii) and the plaque commemorating President George H. W. Bush authorized in 2-17-808(2)(b)(ii) may continue to be displayed in the capitol complex.

(c) A PUBLIC BUILDING WITHIN THE CAPITOL COMPLEX CONSTRUCTED WITH PRIVATE FUNDS AFTER [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT] OR A SPACE OR ROOM CONSTRUCTED WITH PRIVATE FUNDS AFTER [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT] IN A PUBLIC BUILDING, OTHER THAN THE CAPITOL BUILDING, MAY BEAR A NAME DESIGNATED BY THE BENEFACTOR OF THE BUILDING, SPACE, OR ROOM IF:

(I) THE BUILDING, SPACE, OR ROOM IS TO BE OWNED BY OR USED EXCLUSIVELY OR PRIMARILY BY THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO STORE OR DISPLAY ARTIFACTS OR OTHER PROPERTY OWNED BY THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY; AND

(II) THE BUILDING, SPACE, OR ROOM AND THE DESIGNATED NAME ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND BY THE BOARD OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PROVIDED FOR IN 2-15-1512.

(3) A bust, plaque, statue, memorial, monument, or art display commemorating an event, including a military event, may not be displayed on a long-term basis in the capitol complex until 10 years after the end of the event.

(4) All busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, or art displays authorized, but not installed within 5 years of authorization, must be reauthorized.

(5) The department of administration may review and approve the temporary display of a bust, plaque, statue, memorial, monument, or art display for up to 1 year in the capitol complex or on the capitol complex grounds."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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