

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 161  
2 INTRODUCED BY V. RICCI  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERMINATION OF  
5 CAUSE RESULTING FROM INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF A FIRE; AND  
6 AMENDING SECTION 50-63-201, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 50-63-201, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"50-63-201. Cause of fire to be investigated.** The origin, cause, ~~origin~~, and circumstances of each fire  
12 by which property has been destroyed or damaged shall be investigated to determine the ~~exact~~ cause and  
13 circumstances. The department of justice may superintend and direct the investigation."

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