

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING ~~OCTOBER 20~~ THE DAY IN OCTOBER DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY AS MONTANA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNUSED AND UNNEEDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS."

WHEREAS, the abuse of prescription drugs presents a growing problem in our communities; and
WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse causes human suffering, illness, and death; and
WHEREAS, removing leftover and expired medications from homes and responsibly disposing of them makes communities and families safer; and
WHEREAS, October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana prescription drug take-back day. (1) ~~October 20~~ THE DAY IN OCTOBER DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY is designated as Montana prescription drug take-back day in order to provide an annual day for citizens to properly dispose of unused and unneeded prescription drugs, to raise awareness about the consequences of failure to properly dispose of prescriptions drugs, and to educate citizens on proper methods of prescription drug disposal.

(2) On this day, local communities, businesses, and other entities throughout the state are encouraged to coordinate on special exercises to emphasize the importance of proper prescription drug use and disposal.

(3) Observances and exercises described in this section need not be limited solely to prescription drugs.

(4) The governor and attorney general may officially recognize and encourage the observances and exercises described in this section.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.



