



AN ACT DESIGNATING 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:

Section 1. Montana prescription drug take-back day. (1) 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 prescription 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.

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.

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0137, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

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