

HOUSE BILL NO. 238

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING PENALTIES FOR FALSELY REPORTING CRIMES; AND AMENDING SECTION 45-7-205, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 45-7-205, MCA, is amended to read:

**"45-7-205. False reports to law enforcement authorities.** (1) A person commits an offense under this section if the person knowingly:

- (a) gives false information to any law enforcement officer with the purpose to implicate another;
- (b) reports to law enforcement authorities an offense or other incident within their concern knowing that it did not occur; or
- (c) pretends to furnish law enforcement authorities with information relating to an offense or incident when the person knows that the person has no information relating to the offense or incident.

(2) A person convicted under this section shall be ~~fin~~ed not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both sentenced according to the penalty for the crime that was falsely reported, except a person may not be sentenced to life imprisonment, life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, or death under this section."

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