

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 234  
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OR  
6 DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS; REMOVING EXCEPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF  
7 PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ~~REMOVING EXCEPTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES~~  
8 ~~AND MUSEUMS~~; AND AMENDING SECTION 45-8-206, MCA."  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
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12 **Section 1.** Section 45-8-206, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"45-8-206. Public display or dissemination of obscene material to minors.** (1) A person having  
14 custody, control, or supervision of any commercial establishment or newsstand may not knowingly or  
15 purposely:

16 (a) display obscene material to minors in such a way that minors, as a part of the invited public, will  
17 be able to view the material. However, a person is considered not to have displayed obscene material to minors  
18 if the material is kept behind devices commonly known as blinder racks so that the lower two-thirds of the  
19 material is not exposed to view or other reasonable efforts were made to prevent view of the material by a  
20 minor.

21 (b) sell, furnish, present, distribute, or otherwise disseminate to a minor or allow a minor to view,  
22 with or without consideration, any obscene material; or

23 (c) present to a minor or participate in presenting to a minor, with or without consideration, any  
24 performance that is obscene to minors.

25 (2) A person does not violate this section if:

26 (a) the person had reasonable cause to believe the minor was 18 years of age. "Reasonable  
27 cause" includes but is not limited to being shown a draft card, driver's license, marriage license, birth certificate,  
28 educational identification card, governmental identification card, tribal identification card, or other official or

