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HOUSE BILL NO. 256

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING WHEN AUXILIARY OFFICERS MAY CARRY A LESS THAN LETHAL WEAPON; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-32-232, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 7-32-232, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-32-232. Role of auxiliary officers -- when auxiliary officers may carry less than lethal weapons. (1) Auxiliary officers:

- (a) are subordinate to full-time law enforcement officers; and
- (b) may not serve unless supervised by a full-time law enforcement officer.

(2) (a) An auxiliary officer may carry a weapon ~~with approval from the officer's supervising sheriff or law enforcement agency head:~~

(a) _____ while on an official search and rescue mission ~~with prior approval from the sheriff.;~~ or ~~with prior approval from the sheriff~~

(b) ~~An auxiliary officer may carry a less than lethal weapon~~ after completing related training prescribed by the auxiliary officer's authorizing law enforcement agency."

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