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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 524
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS PERTAINING TO SOLAR PANELS AND
6 DISCLOSURE; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON OR MANUFACTURER WHO SELLS OR INSTALLS SOLAR
7 PANELS SHALL DISCLOSE CERTAIN FACTS RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE SOLAR PANELS;
8 AND PROVIDING A DEFINITION."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Solar panel -- disclosure. (1) Prior to the sale of a solar panel, a person
13 or manufacturer who sells a solar panel to or installs a solar panel for a property owner shall disclose:

- 14 ~~(a) the country of origin of the solar panel;~~
15 ~~(b) the energy sources used to manufacture the solar panel;~~
16 ~~(c) the approximate number of pounds of carbon emitted during the production of the solar panel;~~
17 and
18 ~~(d) a calculation based on the number of years and days the solar panel must be used until the~~
19 ~~solar panel generates enough electricity to make the solar panel carbon neutral. The calculation of carbon~~
20 ~~neutrality must consider the latitude of the property, the expected energy produced by a solar panel in the same~~
21 ~~geographical area, and the type of energy provided by electricity providers serving the same geographical area,~~
22 ~~including but not limited to the power sources providing electricity in the locality.~~

23 (2) A violation of this section constitutes an unfair trade practice under Title 30, chapter 14, parts 1
24 and 2.

25 (3) For the purposes of this section, "solar panel" means a manufactured photovoltaic energy
26 device that:

- 27 (a) is designed for the generation of electrical power from the collection of sunlight; and

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1 (b) requires installation and must be affixed to residential real property.

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3 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
4 integral part of Title 30, chapter 14, and the provisions of Title 30, chapter 14, apply to [section 1].

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