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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLAYING OR SINGING OF THE NATIONAL  
 6 ANTHEM PRIOR TO A SPORTING EVENT HELD AT A VENUE CONSTRUCTED WITH PUBLIC FUNDING;  
 7 PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. National anthem required before sporting events at publicly  
 12 **financed venues.** (1) A sporting event may not be held in a venue for which the construction was financed in  
 13 whole or in part from money contributed by the state or a political subdivision unless the event is preceded by  
 14 the playing or singing of the national anthem.

15 (2) As used in this section, the following terms apply:

16 (a) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, municipal corporation, school district, special  
 17 improvement or taxing district, other political subdivision or public corporation, or entity created by agreement  
 18 between two or more political subdivisions.

19 (b) (i) "Sporting event" means an organized event or contest in any sport, between individuals or  
 20 teams, or in which an animal competes, which is governed by rules of any sporting body or regulatory body and  
 21 to which the public is invited as spectators regardless of payment.

22 (ii) The term does not include a practice, scrimmage, or tryout.

23 ~~(b)~~(c) "State" means the state of Montana or any office, department, agency, authority, commission,  
 24 board, institution, hospital, college, university, or other instrumentality of the state.  
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26 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
 27 integral part of Title 23, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 2, apply to [section 1].  
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