

1 SENATE BILL NO. 491
2 INTRODUCED BY S. FITZPATRICK

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM INSTITUTING CERTAIN
5 LAWSUITS IF THE PERSON WAS HARMED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE IN, ENGAGING IN, OR
6 FLEEING AFTER HAVING ENGAGED IN A FELONY OFFENSE."

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

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Prohibition on lawsuit -- criminal actions. A person who is harmed
11 while attempting to engage in, engaging in, or fleeing after having engaged in conduct that is classified as a
12 felony offense may not recover damages from a crime victim or other person that used reasonable self-defense
13 to protect a crime victim.

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15 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
16 integral part of Title 27, and the provisions of Title 27 apply to [section 1].

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18 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured,
19 penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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