

HOUSE BILL NO. 539

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE OFFENSE OF CARELESS HANDLING OF A FIREARM; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Careless handling of firearm.** (1) A person commits the offense of careless handling of a firearm if the person handles a firearm on public property in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of careless handling of a firearm shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 45, chapter 8, part 3, and the provisions of Title 45, chapter 8, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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