

1 House BILL NO. 87  
2 INTRODUCED BY Monahan Lynch Baird  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING IT AN OFFENSE  
5 FOR A PERSON TO INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER'S FIRST AMENDMENT  
6 RIGHTS."  
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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Offense of Interference with First  
10 Amendment rights.

11 (1) A person commits the offense of interference with  
12 first amendment rights when he purposely or knowingly  
13 obstructs, impairs, impedes, interferes with, or otherwise  
14 violates another's right to free speech and expression by:

- 15 (a) using or threatening to use physical force;
- 16 (b) deception, harassment, or intimidation; or
- 17 (c) issuing a public reprimand or censure.

18 (2) A person convicted of interference with first  
19 amendment rights shall be fined not to exceed five hundred  
20 dollars (\$500) or be imprisoned in the county jail for any  
21 term not to exceed six (6) months or both.

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