

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 368

2 INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, MANUEL

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT OVERNIGHT  
5 CAMPING IN REST AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 HIGHWAYS ALONG THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS OR OTHER STATE  
7 HIGHWAYS IN MONTANA; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES."

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

10 Section 1. Definitions. As used in this act the  
11 following definitions apply:

12 (1) The term "camping" means the occupancy of a camp,  
13 tent, or other sleeping accommodation or facility including  
14 any motor vehicle designed or used for such purposes within  
15 any rest area established by the department of highways. A  
16 "camper" is defined as any person occupying any of the  
17 hereinbefore described facilities or accommodations.

18 (2) The term "motor vehicle" means every  
19 self-propelled vehicle which is designed for use upon a  
20 highway, including trailers and semitrailers designed for  
21 use with such vehicles.

22 Section 2. Overnight camping prohibited at rest areas  
23 on interstate highways or other state highways in Montana.  
24 Camping shall be prohibited at rest areas on interstate  
25 highways or other state highways in Montana. Camping shall

1 be prohibited at rest areas established by the department of  
2 highways within and adjacent to an interstate highway or  
3 other state highway in Montana; provided, however, that  
4 nothing herein shall prohibit a person from temporarily  
5 resting in such rest areas.

6 Section 3. Violation of act -- penalties. Any person  
7 who violates section 2 of the act shall be guilty of a  
8 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.

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