

House Bill 165

In The House

January 12, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 165

2 INTRODUCED BY _____

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE A FINE AND A
5 JAIL TERM FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT LIABILITY
6 INSURANCE; AMENDING SECTION 61-6-304, MCA."

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

9 Section 1. Section 61-6-304, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "61-6-304. Penalties. (1) It is unlawful for any

11 person to operate a motor vehicle upon highways, streets, or

12 roadways of this state without a valid policy of liability

13 insurance in effect in an amount not less than that provided

14 in 61-6-301 or unless such person has been issued a

15 certificate of self-insurance pursuant to [61-6-302] or has

16 previously posted an indemnity bond with the [commissioner

17 of insurance] as provided by 61-6-301 or is operating a

18 vehicle exempt under 61-6-303. A violation of 61-6-301

19 through 61-6-304 is a misdemeanor punishable as provided in

20 61-3-691 by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

21 (2) If a person, while in violation of subsection (1),
22 is involved in an accident in which:

23 If a property is damaged, the misdemeanor is punishable
24 by a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000,
25 and the first \$250 of such fine may not be suspended or

i deferred:

2 (b) bodily injury occurs, the fine specified in
3 subsection (2)(a) plus imprisonment in the county jail for
4 not more than 1 year shall be imposed, and the restrictions
5 on suspension or deferral of subsection (2)(a) apply, and
6 the first 30 days of such jail term may not be suspended or
7 deferred."

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