

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 [Signature]

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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."

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 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 ~~61-6-697~~ 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 (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~~

1 ~~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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