

HOUSE BILL NO. 463

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*House* BILL NO. *463*

INTRODUCED BY *O'Connell Jarvis Bachini Beck*

*Senator of Large Parish*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS USING BB SHOT OR PELLETS WITHIN CITIES AND TOWNS; AND TO PROHIBIT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FROM ALLOWING AN UNSUPERVISED MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS TO CARRY SUCH A FIREARM IN PUBLIC WHEN THE FIREARM IS LOADED; AMENDING SECTIONS 45-8-343 AND 45-8-344, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 45-8-343, MCA, is amended to read:

"45-8-343. Firing firearms. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), every person who willfully shoots or fires off a ~~gun, pistol, or any other firearm, including a firearm that discharges BB shot or pellets,~~ within the limits of any town or city or of any private enclosure which contains a dwelling house is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$25.

(2) Firearms may be discharged at an indoor or outdoor rifle, pistol, or shotgun shooting range located within the limits of a town or city or in a private dwelling if the shooting range is approved by the local governing body.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the discharge of a firearm is justifiable under Title 45, chapter 3, part 1."

Section 2. Section 45-8-344, MCA, is amended to read:

"45-8-344. Use of firearms by children under fourteen prohibited. It is unlawful for a parent, guardian, or other person having charge or custody of a minor child under the age of 14 years to permit the minor child to carry or use in public ~~any--firearms--of--any--description--loaded--with--powder and--load a loaded firearm, including any type of firearm that discharges BB shot or pellets,~~ except when the child is accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child or under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor who has been authorized by the parent or guardian."

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