

HOUSE BILL NO. 744

2/09 Introduced
2/09 Referred to Judiciary
2/20 Hearing
2/20 Committee Report-Bill Do Pass
2/22 2nd Reading Do Not Pass
2/22 Bill Killed

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS Haw
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO IMPOSE STRICT
LIABILITY FOR STARTING A FIRE; AMENDING SECTION 50-63-103,
MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 50-63-103, MCA, is amended to read:
"50-63-103. Liability of offender for damages and
costs. Any person who shall upon any land within this state,
whether on his own or on another's land, start, set, or
leave any fire that shall spread and damage or destroy
property of any kind not his own shall be liable for all
damages caused thereby, and any owner of property damaged or
destroyed by such fire may maintain a civil suit for the
purpose of recovering such damages. Any person who shall
upon any land within this state, whether on his own or on
another's land, start, set, or leave any fire which
threatens to spread and damage or destroy property shall be
liable for all costs and expenses incurred by the state of
Montana, by any forestry association, or by any person
extinguishing or preventing the spread of such fire."

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SECOND READING
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