



1 *House* BILL NO. *424* *Q. Scurro*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *David Mene* *Sean Conally* *John*  
 3 *Bradford* *STRATFORD* *Phillip* *John*  
 4 *Kenneth O'Connell* *Pistone* *Marko* *Lois*  
 5 *Stella* *Johnston* *Edna*  
 6 FOR THE UNLAWFUL TAKING OR POSSESSION OF A FUR-BEARING *Paul*  
 7 ANIMAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 87-1-102, MCA." *Richard* *Lyche*

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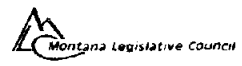
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ON FISH AND GAME

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Jared Moore* *Beau Connolly* *Philipp Roth* *John*  
 3 *STRAITFORD* *Keena O'Connell* *Victoria Clarke* *Eric*  
 4 *John* BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE PENALTY  
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 5 *Michelle Jean* BILL OR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE PENALTY  
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