HOUSE BILL 104

Introduced by Whalen, et al.

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INTRODUCED BY Whalen Menahan

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING AN INSURER OF

A DEFENDANT TO BE JOINED AS A DEFENDANT IF A CLAIM IS OR MAY

BE COVERED BY THE INSURER; PROVIDING THAT EVIDENCE OF THE

AMOUNT AND COVERAGE OF THE INSURANCE IS ADMISSIBLE AS TO THE

B AMOUNT AND AWARD OF DAMAGES; REPEALING SECTION 33-23-102,

MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN

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APPLICABILITY DATE."

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA;

13 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Joinder of defendant's

14 insurer -- evidence of insurance. (1) In a civil proceeding

15 in which a claim or claims against a defendant are or may be

16 covered by insurance, the insurance company is a real party

17 in interest and must be joined as an additional party

18 defendant.

- 19 (2) Evidence of the amount and coverage of the 20 insurance is admissible and must be addressed in the jury 21 instructions.
- NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. Section 33-23-102, MCA, is repealed.
- NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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- NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act]
- 2 applies to claims arising after [the effective date of this
- 3 act].

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