

SENATE BILL 224

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Sundt BILL NO. 224

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM  
LIABILITY TO FIREARM SAFETY INSTRUCTORS FOR THE CONDUCT,  
ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF STUDENTS TAUGHT ACCORDING TO CERTAIN  
STANDARDS."

WHEREAS, many qualified persons are reluctant to become  
firearm safety instructors because of a perception of  
potential exposure to liability for the conduct, acts, or  
omissions of students; and

WHEREAS, providing an exemption from liability will  
encourage more persons to undertake the teaching of firearm  
safety, thereby improving the quality and availability of  
firearm safety instruction in Montana.

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

19        NEW SECTION.    **Section 1. Immunity of firearm safety**  
20        **instructor.** (1) A firearm safety instructor is not liable  
21        for the conduct, acts, or omissions of students who are  
22        taught according to reasonable and contemporary standards.

23 (2) As used in this section, "reasonable and  
24 contemporary standards" includes:

25 (a) a minimum of 5 hours of classroom instruction time:

1 (b) a minimum of 1 hour of live-fire shooting practice  
2 at a suitable shooting location; and

3 (c) instruction concerning the mechanics of firearm  
4 operation, safe firearm handling, and home firearm safety;  
5 responsibilities of firearm owners; and allowable uses of  
6 lethal force.

7 (3) To qualify for immunity, a firearm safety  
8 instructor shall maintain sufficient records to demonstrate  
9 that particular students have been taught according to  
10 reasonable and contemporary standards.

11           **NEW SECTION.**   **Section 2.**   Codification           instruction.  
12       [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part  
13       of Title 27, chapter 1, part 7, and the provisions of Title  
14       27, chapter 1, part 7, apply to [section 1].

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