

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

INTRODUCED BY EWER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AGE IS A BONA FIDE QUALIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER; AMENDING SECTION 7-32-4112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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