House BILL NO. 114

2 INTRODUCED BY White Sayne Fairs

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA ARE ENTITLED TO AN UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING ANY PERIOD OF STATE SERVICE DURING A STATE EMERGENCY AND ARE ENTITLED TO REEMPLOYMENT AFTER THE EMERGENCY; AND AMENDING SECTION 10-1-603, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 10-1-603, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-1-603. Depriving Prohibition to deprive members of organized militia of employment --entitlement to unpaid leave of absence during state emergency. (1) A person may not willfully deprive a
member of the organized militia of his employment or prevent his the member from being employed or
obstruct or annoy a member in respect to his the member's trade, business, or employment because he is
a member of membership in the organized militia.

(2) A person who serves in active state service in the organized militia in time of a disaster or an emergency declared by the proper authority of the state and not pursuant to orders issued under Title 10 or 32 of the United States Code is entitled to a leave of absence from the person's civilian employment during the period of that service. Upon termination of service, the person is entitled to reemployment with the same seniority, status, pay, and vacation as the person would have had if the person had not been absent during the period of service. The leave of absence may not be deducted from any sick leave, vacation leave, or other leave, and reinstatement must be in the same position as or a comparable position to the position that the person held prior to the period of service. This subsection does not entitle an employee given leave and reinstatement pursuant to this subsection to any pay from the person's civilian employment pursuant to 10-1-604 or other law during the period of service.

(2)(3) A person may not dissuade any person from enlisting in the organized militia by threatening to injure or injuring his the person's business, employment, or trade."

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