

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 312

Legislative Action:

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Delegation: Butte

Referred to Committee: House Education Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIPS PAID BY
2 VIOLATIONS OF 45-5-624, 45-5-637, 61-8-714, and 61-8-731"

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

5 **Section 1:** All charges of minors in possession of alcohol or tobacco are applicable under this
6 act. All charges of driving under the influence, including first through fourth and subsequent
7 offenses are applicable under this act. Said charges shall henceforth be known as "applicable
8 crime(s)."

9 **Section 2:** All applicable crimes under their respective laws in MCA 2007 shall have, in addition
10 to existing penalties and punishments, a surcharge of which is paid to the Montana Department
11 of Justice. Monies collected from said surcharge shall henceforth be known as "fund monies."
12 All fund monies shall be placed into a scholarship fund to be awarded annually at the discretion
13 of the Montana Department of Justice.

14 **Section 3:** Charges of minors in possession of alcohol or tobacco shall contain the said surcharge
15 in the amount no less than ten and not exceeding fifty dollars. Charges of driving under the
16 influence as stated in Section 1 of this bill shall contain the said surcharge in the amount no less
17 than twenty-five and not exceeding one-hundred-dollars.

18 **Section 4:** No scholarships are awarded to individuals who have been convicted of applicable
19 charges. No less than two and no more than one hundred scholarships are awarded annually. All
20 scholarships awarded are equal to each other in amount.

21 **Section 5:** The Montana Department of Justice has the right to discern which, if any applicants
22 receive said scholarships once established that applicants meet criteria established in Section 4 of

23 this bill. The Montana Department of Justice shall roll-over fund monies into the next calendar
24 year if no applicants qualify for scholarships in the current calendar year.

25 **Section 6:** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage with the first scholarships
26 awarded in the 2009 school year.

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