

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 325

Legislative Action:

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Delegation: Gardiner High School

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: House Judiciary Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CAP THE SUM OF MONEY AWARDED
2 IN MALPRACTICE SUITS"

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4 Whereas: Excessive amounts awarded by juries to malpractice suits are unwarranted and harmful
5 to the entire state of Montana and its health care.

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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9 Section 1: Definitions: "Malpractice Lawsuit" Any court case brought against a medical
10 professional for reprehensible ignorance or negligence or through criminal intent, esp. when
11 injury or loss follows.

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13 Section 2: Liability damages awarded by juries for any malpractice lawsuit brought up against
14 any medical professional, who by error or failure to treat, caused further preventable injury to the
15 patient shall be limited to the amount of medical expense.

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17 Section 3: Punitive damages awarded by juries for any malpractice lawsuit brought up against
18 any medical professional who, by error or failure to treat, caused preventable death to the patient
19 is punishable by a fine shall not to exceed \$500,000.

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21 Section 4: This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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