

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 337

Legislative Action:

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Abandoned Land Redevelopment by Land Developers
2 Wishing to Build a New Housing Development."

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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6 **Section 1.** New housing developments will need to be approved by the interested parties
7 highlighted in current laws. They will also need to be inspected and approved after the contractor
8 or developer has completed the redevelopment of an abandoned property or properties as deemed
9 so by the local planning board. The local planning boards shall be able to determine as many
10 properties that would have to be redeveloped to be done before the housing development can be
11 officially allowed to begin construction. This bill will take effect on January 1, 2009.

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13 **Section 2.** The abandoned property shall be redeveloped to standards set by the local
14 planning board and/or by any amendments to this bill as soon as it is passed. If the
15 redevelopment of the property does not meet the standards set before it, then the housing
16 development shall be postponed or denied by the state or any authority legally allowed to do so.

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18 **Section 3.** Abandoned properties shall be redeveloped to so that they can pass inspection
19 by the city, county, and/or state. The development and redeveloping properties must not prove to
20 be an environmental hazard and the construction shall be done as cleanly and healthy as possible
21 to the environment by the contractors. If not the contractor and/or developer shall be subject to
22 punishments by the local, state, and/or federal governments if proven to be done so in a willful or
23 negligent manner. The property must prove to be an asset to the people who would purchase,
24 use, or occupy it. If redeveloped as a playground or as a park the equipment must be proven to be
25 safe and pass an inspection by a state approved inspector.

