

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "All Sexual Predators Who Have Committed Multiple
2 Offenses Must Wear a Non-Removable Tracking Device"

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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6 **Section 1. Definition** 1.) Tracking System: the observing of persons or objects on the
7 move and supplying a timely ordered sequence of respective location data to move a model;
8 capable to serve for depicting the motion on a display capability.

9 2.) GPS: Global Positioning System, or GPS tracking systems, use signals sent by
10 satellites to precisely calculate the position of the item or person they are attached to. There are
11 roughly between twenty-four to thirty-two satellites which are potentially available to assist in
12 this positional location. Each of these satellites continually transmit signals to the Earth,
13 containing exact measurements of the time and their precise location among other things. A GPS
14 system uses at least four of these signals to extrapolate geo-positional information. Four signals
15 are used because if there was even a micro-decimal mistake in one of these signals, then the
16 information could be wrong by hundreds of miles. Four satellites are used to correct each other.
17 The latest generation of the monitoring systems blend GPS satellite tracking, computers, the
18 Internet, and cellular technology to address an age-old problem - how to keep tabs on dangerous
19 criminals.

20 **Section 2. Basic Provisions** All multiple offenders must wear a tracking device
21 (bracelet) around the ankle. The device has a tamper alarm, so that if the criminal was to try to
22 take the bracelet off, officials would be warned. The device would also sound off if the predator
23 went into banned areas or violated curfew. The waterproof, lightweight, virtually indestructible
24 anklet would tell officials where the offender is and has been. The bracelet would be worn by
25 the offender for life. The program would cost anywhere from \$17-\$20 a day per offender, which
26 amounts to about \$175,000-\$200,000 a year. This may seem like a lot of money, but in reality, it
27 is much cheaper than incarcerating all of these multiple offenders.

28 **Section 3. Enactment Date** This bill shall become effective upon the first day of the
29 next year, January 1, 2010.

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