

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

_____ Bill Number _____

Legislative Action:

House Committee: _____

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House: _____

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Senate Committee: _____

Senate: _____

Delegation: Southwestern Montana Family YMCA

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: _____

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO BAN THE OWNERSHIP AND REARING
2 OF CATTLE IN THE STATE OF MONTANA; REPEALING ALL LAWS UNDER MCA
3 TITLE 81 PERTAINING TO CATTLE."
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5 **WHEREAS** the most important non-CO₂ greenhouse gas is methane, and the number one source
6 of methane worldwide is animal agriculture.

7 **WHEREAS** methane is 21 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than CO₂ and methane
8 atmospheric concentrations have more then doubled since pre-industrial times, compared to only
9 a 31% increase in CO₂.

10 **WHEREAS** cattle are responsible for 75% of the total methane produced by all animals.

11 **WHEREAS** there are over 2.6 million head of cattle within the state of Montana, making
12 Montana the 6th largest producer of beef cattle.

13 **WHEREAS** the state of Montana should become the leader in the ongoing fight against global
14 warming.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
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18 **Section 1.** Repeal all laws under MCA Title 81 that pertain to ownership and rearing of
19 cattle within the state of Montana.
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21 **Section 2.** Act will be enforced by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.
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23 **Section 3.** Cattle producers within the state of Montana will be allotted 2 years to comply
24 with the new state law regarding the ban of ownership and rearing of cattle.
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26 **Section 4.** Those who raise cattle in the state of Montana may rid themselves of their
27 cattle in whatever way they deem appropriate. Options could include selling cattle to another
28 state or simply slaughtering cattle for human consumption.
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30 **Section 5.** Those cattle producers who refuse to comply with the forced discontinuation
31 of the rearing of cattle within the state of Montana will be fined \$100 for each cow found in their
32 possession.
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34 **Section 6.** Any funds acquired through the fine enacted upon unwilling cattle producers
35 will be distributed amongst those industries in Montana that produce alternative energy to invest
36 in alternative energy sources.
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38 **Section 7. Effective date.** This bill will become effective upon passage.
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