

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO ASSAULT; PROVIDING THAT AN ASSAULT IS COMMITTED WHEN A PERSON PROVIDES CERTAIN DRUGS TO ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT; AND AMENDING SECTION 45-5-201, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 45-5-201, MCA, is amended to read:

**"45-5-201. Assault.** (1) ~~(a)~~ A person commits the offense of assault if the person:

~~(a)(i)(a)~~ purposely or knowingly causes bodily injury to another;

~~(b)(ii)(b)~~ negligently causes bodily injury to another with a weapon;

~~(c)(iii)(c)~~ purposely or knowingly makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with any individual;

~~(d)(iv)(d)~~ purposely or knowingly causes reasonable apprehension of bodily injury in another; or

~~(e)(v)(e)~~ except as provided in subsections (1)(b)(i) through (1)(b)(iv)(iii), purposely or knowingly provides an individual with rohypnol, flunitrazolam, or gamma-hydroxybutyrate, specific dangerous drugs included in Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V as provided in 50-32-222, 50-32-224, 50-32-226, 50-32-229, and 50-32-232, alcohol, any vaccine, and diphenhydramine, without the individual's express, informed, or implied consent or the express, informed, or implied consent of the individual's parent, guardian, or medical power of attorney.

~~(b)~~ For prescription medication, subsection (1)(a)(v) does not apply to the following:

~~(i)~~ medical providers with the authority to prescribe or administer medication;

~~(ii)~~ patients of medical providers described in subsection (1)(b)(i);

~~(iii)~~ parents or guardians who have valid prescriptions for their minor children and minor children

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1 ~~who are unable to consent under their care; and~~

2 ~~(iv)(iii) guardians of adults who are incapacitated and who cannot consent or make their own health~~

3 ~~care decisions.~~

4 ~~(c) Subsection (1)(a)(v) does not apply to the administration of an opioid overdose reversal~~

5 ~~medication, including but not limited to naloxone and nalmefene.~~

6 (2) A person convicted of assault shall be fined not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county  
7 jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both."

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