



AN ACT PROTECTING THE FILING OF OR PARTICIPATION IN LICENSING COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS; VOIDING CONTRACTS BARRING THE FILING OF OR PARTICIPATION IN LICENSING COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS; ESTABLISHING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Complaint filing protected -- unprofessional conduct. (1) A contract or agreement provision is void if it prohibits, discourages, or otherwise bars or purports to bar:

- (a) the filing or pursuing of a complaint allowable under 37-1-308 or 37-1-402; or
- (b) an individual from participating in or cooperating with an investigation of a complaint filed under 37-1-308 or 37-1-402.

(2) It is unprofessional conduct for a licensee to:

- (a) be party to a contract or agreement in violation of this section; or
- (b) retaliate against a person for filing a complaint allowable under 37-1-308 or 37-1-402.

(3) This section does not apply to general waivers of claims. General waivers of claims may not be interpreted to apply to complaints allowable under 37-1-308 or 37-1-402.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1].

Section 3. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 563, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY S. FITZPATRICK

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