

HOUSE BILL NO. 260

INTRODUCED BY T. BERRY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PENALTY FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT TO PROVIDE FOR A MAXIMUM FINE AND ATTORNEY FEES; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-1-520, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 3-1-520, MCA, is amended to read:

**"3-1-520. Penalty to compel performance.** When the sanction imposed for a contempt seeks to compel the contemnor to perform an act that is in the power of the contemnor to perform, the contemnor may be incarcerated, subjected to a fine in an amount not to exceed ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 per day with a cumulative limit of \$25,000 per incident of contempt and reasonable attorney fees for obtaining the order of contempt, or both, until the contemnor has performed the act. The act must be specified in the warrant of commitment."

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