



AN ACT REVISING CIVIL LIABILITY LAWS; INCREASING THE VALUE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION; AMENDING SECTION 25-13-609, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1.** Section 25-13-609, MCA, is amended to read:

**"25-13-609. Personal property exempt subject to value limitations.** A judgment debtor is entitled to exemption from execution of the following:

(1) the judgment debtor's interest, not to exceed ~~\$4,500~~ \$7,000 in aggregate value, to the extent of a value not exceeding ~~\$600~~ \$1,250 in any item of property, in household furnishings and goods, appliances, jewelry, wearing apparel, books, firearms and other sporting goods, animals, feed, crops, and musical instruments;

(2) the judgment debtor's interest, not to exceed ~~\$2,500~~ \$4,000 in value, in one motor vehicle; and

(3) the judgment debtor's interest, not to exceed ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,500 in aggregate value, in any implements, professional books, and tools, of the trade of the judgment debtor or a dependent of the judgment debtor."

**Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 555, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

HOUSE BILL NO. 555

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