

1 SENATE BILL NO. 194

2 INTRODUCED BY BLEWETT, MURPHY

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STRIP SEARCHES AND BODY CAVITY
5 SEARCHES MAY BE DONE ONLY WHEN REASONABLE SUSPICION EXISTS."

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

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Reasonable suspicion required before strip search.** A person arrested
10 or detained for a traffic offense or an offense that is not a felony may not be subjected to a strip search or a body
11 cavity search by a peace officer or law enforcement employee unless there is reasonable suspicion to believe
12 the person is concealing a weapon, contraband, or evidence of the commission of a crime.

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
15 integral part of Title 46, chapter 5, and the provisions of Title 46, chapter 5, apply to [section 1].

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