

SENATE BILL NO. 464

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO EYEWITNESS LINEUPS; PROVIDING REQUIRED PROCEDURES AND REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; AND PROVIDING DEFINITIONS."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions. As used in [sections 1 and 2], unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Eyewitness" means a person whose identification by sight of another person may be relevant in a criminal proceeding.

(2) "Live lineup" means a group of people displayed to an eyewitness for the purpose of determining if the eyewitness can identify the perpetrator of a crime.

(3) "Photographic lineup" means an array of photographs displayed to an eyewitness for the purpose of determining if the eyewitness can identify the perpetrator of a crime.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Lineup procedure. A lineup conducted by a law enforcement agency of this state or any political subdivision must meet the following requirements:

(1) The peace officer who is the administrator of a live or photographic lineup must be unaware of which person in the lineup is the suspected perpetrator of the crime under investigation or, if that is not practicable, the administrator shall use a photographic lineup that prevents the administrator from seeing which member of the photographic lineup is being viewed by the eyewitness.

(2) Before the lineup is administered, the eyewitness must be instructed that the suspected perpetrator may or may not be in the lineup.

(3) Any person who is not the suspected perpetrator in the lineup must be substantially similar to the eyewitness's description of the suspected perpetrator.

