

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A PEACE OFFICER TO CHECK AND REPORT THE  
5 IMMIGRATION STATUS OF A PERSON DURING A LAWFUL STOP; AND AMENDING SECTION 46-5-401,  
6 MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 46-5-401, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"46-5-401. Investigative stop and frisk.** (1) In order to obtain or verify an account of the person's  
12 presence or conduct or to determine whether to arrest the person, a peace officer may stop any person or  
13 vehicle that is observed in circumstances that create a particularized suspicion that the person or occupant of  
14 the vehicle has committed, is committing, or is about to commit an offense. If the stop is for a violation under  
15 Title 61, unless emergency circumstances exist or the officer has reasonable cause to fear for the officer's own  
16 safety or for the public's safety, the officer shall as promptly as possible inform the person of the reason for the  
17 stop.

18 (2) A peace officer who has lawfully stopped a person or vehicle under this section may:

19 (a) request the person's name and present address and an explanation of the person's actions  
20 and, if the person is the driver of a vehicle, demand the person's driver's license and the vehicle's registration  
21 and proof of insurance; and

22 (b) frisk the person and take other reasonably necessary steps for protection if the officer has  
23 reasonable cause to suspect that the person is armed and presently dangerous to the officer or another person  
24 present. The officer may take possession of any object that is discovered during the course of the frisk if the  
25 officer has probable cause to believe that the object is a deadly weapon until the completion of the stop, at  
26 which time the officer shall either immediately return the object, if legally possessed, or arrest the person.

27 (3) A peace officer who has lawfully stopped a person or vehicle under this section shall make a  
28 reasonable attempt, when practicable, to determine the immigration status of the person, except if the

1 determination may hinder or obstruct an investigation. The peace officer shall make a report to a federal  
2 immigration agency as defined in 27-16-801 if a person stopped under this section is not lawfully present in the  
3 United States.

4 (4) A peace officer acting under subsection (2) while the peace officer is not in uniform shall inform  
5 the person as promptly as possible under the circumstances and in any case before questioning the person that  
6 the officer is a peace officer."

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