

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 318

Legislative Action:

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Governor: _____

Delegation: Southwestern Montana Family YMCA-Dillon

Referred to Committee: House Health & Human Services Committee

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO MANDATE AN AUTOMATIC
- 2 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINE IN ALL GYMNASIUMS."
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
- 4 **Section 1:** To make it mandatory for all gymnasiums within the state of Montana to have a
- 5 working defibrillator in the event of a emergency heart attack.
- 6 **Section 2:** Definitions. "Defibrillator"- Machines that shock the fibrillating heart back into a
- 7 normal heartbeat and pumping action. If people survive a brief episode of ventricular fibrillation,
- 8 they are often given an implantable defibrillator that shocks them the instant the heart rhythm
- 9 returns.
- 10 **Section 3:** The heart can stop beating at any moment and if there is no automatic defibrillator
- 11 nearby, your chances for survival are limited.
- 12 **Section 4:** One in every five deaths is caused by heart attacks.
- 13 **Section 5:** Each public school would be responsible for purchasing the defibrillators for their
- 14 gymnasiums.
- 15 **Section 6:** This would be funded from the general fund.
- 16 **Section 7:** This bill shall become effective upon passage.