

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 321

Legislative Action:

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Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: House Health & Human Services Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE ART IN MONTANA"

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

4 Section 1: Funding Action – A two (2) percent tax will be implemented on all general art
5 supplies, including but not limited to paint, paintbrushes, paint palettes, paint sets... and musical
6 instruments. These funds will be channeled into a fund to be entitled "The State Appropriation
7 for the Advancement of the Arts."

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9 Section 2: Use of Funds – The fund will be managed by the Montana Arts Council. On May first
10 of every year ninety (90) percent of the fund will be apportioned to four (4) Montana artists: one
11 visual artist, one filmmaker, one performing artist, and one musician. The money will be granted
12 based on merit as decided by the Arts Council, on the proviso that by the end of one (1) year the
13 above artists will present their projects to the public.

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15 Section 3: Douceur Day – Every May first will be know as Douceur (doo-sur) Day. A ceremony
16 will be held at the state capitol celebrating the artist's projects, and awarding the grant for
17 another year.

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