



AN ACT PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM INSTITUTING CERTAIN LAWSUITS IF THE PERSON WAS HARMED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENGAGE IN, ENGAGING IN, OR FLEEING AFTER HAVING ENGAGED IN A FELONY OFFENSE.

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

**Section 1. Prohibition on lawsuit -- criminal actions.** A person who is harmed while attempting to engage in, engaging in, or fleeing after having engaged in conduct that is classified as a felony offense may not recover damages from a crime victim or other person that used reasonable self-defense to protect a crime victim.

**Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 27, and the provisions of Title 27 apply to [section 1].

**Section 3. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 491, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

SENATE BILL NO. 491

INTRODUCED BY S. FITZPATRICK

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