



AN ACT EXPANDING WHEN AUXILIARY OFFICERS MAY CARRY A LESS THAN LETHAL WEAPON;
AMENDING SECTION 7-32-232, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 7-32-232, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-32-232. Role of auxiliary officers -- when auxiliary officers may carry less than lethal

weapons. (1) Auxiliary officers:

(a) are subordinate to full-time law enforcement officers; and

(b) may not serve unless supervised by a full-time law enforcement officer.

(2) (a) An auxiliary officer may carry a weapon while on an official search and rescue mission with prior approval from the sheriff. ~~with prior approval from the sheriff~~

(b) An auxiliary officer may carry a less than lethal weapon after completing related training prescribed by the auxiliary officer's authorizing law enforcement agency."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 256, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

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