

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 555

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CIVIL LIABILITY LAWS; INCREASING THE VALUE OF
5 CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION; AMENDING SECTION 25-13-609, MCA;
6 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 25-13-609, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"25-13-609. Personal property exempt subject to value limitations.** A judgment debtor is entitled
12 to exemption from execution of the following:

13 (1) the judgment debtor's interest, not to exceed ~~\$4,500~~ ~~\$6,000~~ \$7,000 in aggregate value, to the
14 extent of a value not exceeding ~~\$600~~ ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,250 in any item of property, in household furnishings and
15 goods, appliances, jewelry, wearing apparel, books, firearms and other sporting goods, animals, feed, crops,
16 and musical instruments;

17 (2) the judgment debtor's interest, not to exceed ~~\$2,500~~ ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000 in value, in one motor vehicle;
18 and

19 (3) the judgment debtor's interest, not to exceed ~~\$3,000~~ ~~\$4,000~~ \$4,500 in aggregate value, in any
20 implements, professional books, and tools, of the trade of the judgment debtor or a dependent of the judgment
21 debtor."

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23 **NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.**

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