

SENATE BILL NO. 140

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING UNION MEMBERSHIP LAWS; REQUIRING AN EMPLOYEE OF A NONPROFIT TO CONSENT TO AGENCY FEES AND OTHER PAYMENTS; DECLARING THE COLLECTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF AGENCY FEES OR OTHER PAYMENTS FROM NURSES TO BE AN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 39-32-109, MCA."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Consent required for agency fees or other deductions from nonprofit employees. An agency fee or any other payment to a union may not be deducted from the wages of an employee of a nonprofit organization, nor may any other attempt be made to collect a similar payment, unless the employee affirmatively consents to pay.

Section 2. Section 39-32-109, MCA, is amended to read:

"39-32-109. Unfair labor practices. (1) It is an unfair labor practice for a health care facility to do one or more of the following:

- (a) interfere with or restrain or coerce employees in any manner in the exercise of their right of self-organization;
- (b) initiate, create, dominate, contribute to, or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization that has collective bargaining as one of its principal functions;
- (c) discriminate in regard to hire terms or conditions of employment when a purpose is to discourage membership in an employee organization that has collective bargaining as one of its principal functions;
- (d) refuse to meet and bargain in good faith with the designated representatives of an appropriate bargaining unit of its employees. For the purpose of this subsection (1)(d), it is a requirement of bargaining in good faith that the parties be willing to reduce to writing and have their representative sign any agreement

1 arrived at through negotiations and discussion.

2 (e) unilaterally exclude from work or prevent from working or discharge any one or more
3 employees when the purpose of the action is in whole or in part to interfere with or coerce or intimidate an
4 employee in the exercise of rights ensured in this law.

5 (2) It is an unfair labor practice for a labor organization or its agents to:

6 (a) restrain or coerce employees in the exercise of the right to:

7 (i) form, join, or assist any labor organization;

8 (ii) bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing; or

9 (iii) engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid
10 or protection;

11 (b) restrain or coerce an employer in the selection of a representative for the purpose of collective
12 bargaining or the adjustment of grievances;

13 (c) refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with an employer if it has been designated as the
14 exclusive representative of employees;

15 (d) use agency shop fees for contributions to political candidates or parties; or

16 (e) collect agency fees or other payments from an employee's wages unless the employee
17 affirmatively consents to pay."

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19 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
20 integral part of Title 39, and the provisions of Title 39 apply to [section 1].

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