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HOUSE BILL NO. 330 INTRODUCED BY N. SCHWADERER

AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND LIMITS FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACQUISITION AND USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AND REQUIRING A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

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

Section 1. Limitations on excess property provided to local law enforcement -- definitions. (1) A law enforcement agency may not receive the following property from a military equipment surplus program operated by the federal government:

- (a) drones that are armored, weaponized, or both;
- (b) aircraft that are combat configured or combat coded;
- (c) grenades or similar explosives and grenade launchers;
- (d) silencers; or
- (e) militarized armored vehicles.
- (2) If a law enforcement agency purchases property from a military equipment surplus program operated by the federal government, the law enforcement agency may only use state or local funds for the purchase. Funds obtained from the federal government may not be used to purchase property from a military equipment surplus program.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement service provided by a local government as authorized in Title 7, chapter 32.

Section 2. Public notification. If a law enforcement agency requests property from a military equipment

surplus program, the law enforcement agency shall publish a notice of the request on a publicly accessible website within 14 days after the request.

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 32, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 32, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

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