

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 411

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING ED MCGIVERN;  
5 DESIGNATING THE CENTRAL MONTANA MUSEUM IN LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, AS THE OFFICIAL HOME  
6 REPOSITORY OF THE ED MCGIVERN MUSEUM COLLECTION; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY IT ON OFFICIAL STATE MAPS  
8 AND HIGHWAY SIGNS; REQUIRING THE CAPITOL COMPLEX ADVISORY COUNCIL TO NAME A BUILDING  
9 AT THE MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY AFTER ED MCGIVERN; AND PROVIDING AN  
10 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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12 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern (October 20, 1874 - December 12, 1957) lived in Lewistown and Great Falls,  
13 Montana; and

14 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern was an ordinary, unpretentious man who made his living painting signs; and

15 WHEREAS, most Montanans have not heard of Ed McGivern or of his accomplishments as a Montanan;

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17 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern was a nationally recognized exhibition revolver shooter (both double-action  
18 and single-action); and

19 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern was a pioneer in scientifically investigating and documenting the capabilities  
20 of the revolver and in developing his own shooting methods and timing devices; and

21 WHEREAS, numerous articles by Ed McGivern and about him were published in "Guns", "Guns  
22 Quarterly", "American Rifleman", "Western Wildlife", "Sports Afield", "Outdoor Life", "True West", "Adventure",  
23 "All Western Magazine", "Voice of the Sportsman", "Denver Post Empire", "Lewistown News Argus", "Great Falls  
24 Tribune", "Shooting Times", and "Life Magazine"; and

25 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern is renowned as one of the best handgunners that ever lived; and

26 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern authored the book "Fast and Fancy Revolver Shooting", published in 1938;

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28 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern trained Montana law enforcement and Federal Bureau of Investigation officers  
29 in revolver shooting; and

30 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern was appointed Colonel, Ballistic Corps, Ordnance Department of the Montana

1 National Guard by Governor Roy Ayers in December 1940, was an honorary member of the Montana Highway  
2 Patrol and the Lewistown Police Department, was a member of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers  
3 Association, was a member of the Montana Police Protective Association, and was a life member of the Ed  
4 McGivern Pistol Club in Great Falls; and

5 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern set many shooting records with the revolver; and

6 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern shot with factory double-action revolvers that were unmodified except for his  
7 famous McGivern gold bead front sight; and

8 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern's speed record (set several times) for shooting five shots from a double-action  
9 revolver in 2/5 of a second with all shots in the area of a playing card at 15 feet has never been equaled; and

10 WHEREAS, this rate of fire is greater than the cyclical rate of the AK-47 automatic rifle; and

11 WHEREAS, this record was set when Ed McGivern was 58 years old; and

12 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern could shoot two double-action revolvers simultaneously from the left and right  
13 hands in 1 1/5 seconds and keep both five-shot groups within the area of a playing card at 15 feet; with the draw  
14 included, he could do the same in 1 1/2 seconds; and

15 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern could empty two double-action revolvers, one after the other in less than 2  
16 seconds; and

17 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern excelled in aerial shooting with a double-action revolver; and

18 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern broke six simultaneously hand-thrown aerial clay targets with a double-action  
19 revolver at the Central Montana Fair in Lewistown in 1932 and could shoot a can thrown 20 feet in the air six  
20 times; and

21 WHEREAS, Ed McGivern was known as a firearms expert and testified in at least 37 trials involving  
22 firearms between 1914 and 1943.

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

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26 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Official ~~home~~ REPOSITORY of Ed McGivern ~~museum~~ COLLECTION.** (1) The  
27 CENTRAL MONTANA MUSEUM IN THE town of Lewistown is designated the "official ~~home~~ REPOSITORY of the Ed  
28 McGivern ~~museum~~ COLLECTION".

29 (2) The department of commerce and the department of transportation shall identify the CENTRAL  
30 MONTANA MUSEUM IN THE town of Lewistown as the official ~~home~~ REPOSITORY of the Ed McGivern ~~museum~~

1 COLLECTION on official state maps.

2 (3) The department of transportation shall erect and maintain signs designating the CENTRAL MONTANA  
3 MUSEUM IN THE town of Lewistown as the official ~~home~~ REPOSITORY of the Ed McGivern ~~museum~~ COLLECTION along  
4 highways in the vicinity of Lewistown and shall accomplish the signing changes in accordance with the  
5 department's normal sign maintenance and replacement schedule.

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7 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Building at Montana law enforcement academy to be named for Ed  
8 **McGivern.** The capitol complex advisory council provided for in 2-17-803 shall name an appropriate building at  
9 the Montana law enforcement academy after Ed McGivern.

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
12 integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, apply to [section 1].

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14 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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