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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 452	
2	INTRODUCED BY G. PARRY	
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CRIME OF ASSAULT ON AN EMPLOYE	
5	OF A PUBLIC	UTILITY; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.
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7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:	
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9	NEW	SECTION. Section 1. Assault on employee of public utility. (1) A person commits the
10	offense of assault on an employee of a public utility, as defined in 69-3-101, if the person purposely or	
11	knowingly causes:	
12	(a)	bodily injury to an employee of a public utility;
13	(b)	reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury in an employee of a public utility by use of:
14	(i)	a weapon; or
15	(ii)	what reasonably appears to be a weapon;
16	(c)	bodily injury to an employee of a public utility with a weapon; or
17	(d)	serious bodily injury to an employee of a public utility.
18	(2)	(a) A person convicted of assault on an employee of a public utility:
19	(i)	under subsection (1)(a), (1)(b)(i), or (1)(c) shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term no
20	to exceed 10 years and may be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000; or	
21	(ii)	under subsection (1)(b)(ii) shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term not to exceed 8
22	years and may be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000.	
23	(b)	Except as provided in 46-18-222, a person convicted of assault on an employee of a public
24	utility under subsection (1)(d) of this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or be imprisoned	
25	in the state prison for a term not to exceed 20 years, or both.	
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27	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an	
28	integral part of Title 45, chapter 5, part 2, and the provisions of Title 45, chapter 5, part 2, apply to [section 1].	



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