

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0005

Capital punishment for juveniles.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Warren, Brechtel, Johnson,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; increasing the
2 minimum age at which a defendant shall be subject to the
3 death penalty for murder in the first degree; specifying
4 applicability of provisions; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-101(b) is amended to read:

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11 **6-2-101. Murder in the first degree; penalty.**

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13 (b) A person convicted of murder in the first degree
14 shall be punished by death, life imprisonment without
15 parole or life imprisonment according to law, except that
16 no person shall be subject to the penalty of death for any

1 murder committed before the defendant attained the age of
2 ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years.

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4 **Section 2.** The penalty of death shall not be imposed
5 in a case pending on or after the effective date of this
6 act, involving a crime committed prior to the effective
7 date of this act, if the murder was committed before the
8 defendant attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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