

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0137

Felony-eluding law enforcement.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hinckley, Illoway, Walsh and Watt and Senator(s) Coe, Cooper and Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to eluding police vehicles; prohibiting the  
2 operation of a vehicle in a reckless manner while eluding  
3 an officer as specified; imposing penalties; providing for  
4 mandatory license revocation; and providing for an  
5 effective 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. 31-5-225 by creating a new subsection  
10 (b), by amending and renumbering (b) as (c) and by creating  
11 new subsections (d) and (e), 31-5-229 and 31-7-127(a) by  
12 creating a new paragraph (viii) are amended to read:

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14 **31-5-225. Fleeing or attempting to elude police**  
15 **officers; eluding officer when operating vehicle with**

1 **disregard for safety of others; penalties; license**  
2 **revocation.**

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4 (b) Any driver of a motor vehicle who drives or  
5 operates the vehicle in willful or wanton disregard of the  
6 safety of persons or property while fleeing or eluding a  
7 pursuing police vehicle is guilty of a felony.

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9 ~~(b)(c) Every~~ Any person convicted of ~~fleeing or~~  
10 ~~attempting to elude a police officer~~ a violation of  
11 subsection (a) of this section shall be punished by a fine  
12 of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), ~~or~~  
13 by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or  
14 both.

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16 (d) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection  
17 (b) of this section shall be fined not more than five  
18 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisoned for not less than  
19 one (1) year nor more than three (3) years, or both.

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21 (e) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection  
22 (b) of this section shall, in addition to the penalties  
23 imposed by this section, have his driver's license revoked  
24 pursuant to W.S. 31-7-127(a).

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2           **31-5-229. Reckless driving.**

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4           Except under circumstances constituting a violation of W.S.5           31-5-225(b), any person who drives any vehicle in willful

6           or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property

7           is guilty of reckless driving.

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9           **31-7-127. Mandatory revocation of license for certain**10          **violations.**

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12           (a) The division shall revoke the license or

13           nonresident operating privilege of any person, upon

14           receipt of a record of conviction of the person of any of

15           the following violations:

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17                           (viii) Conviction under W.S. 31-5-225(b).

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19           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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