

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0157

Sex offender penalties.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Buchanan and Senator(s) Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; increasing
2 penalties for specified sex offenses committed against
3 children and relatives; conforming provisions; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-306(a)(intro), (b)(intro),
9 (d)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (e), 6-4-303(c)
10 and 14-3-105(b)(intro), by creating a new subsection (c)
11 and by renumbering (c) as (d) are amended to read:

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13 **6-2-306. Penalties for sexual assault.**

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1 (a) An actor convicted of sexual assault who does not
2 qualify under the criteria of subsection (b), ~~or~~ (d) or (e)
3 of this section shall be punished as follows:

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5 (b) An actor who is convicted of sexual assault and
6 who does not qualify under the criteria of subsection (d)
7 or (e) of this section shall be punished by the extended
8 terms of subsection (c) of this section if:

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10 (d) An actor who is convicted of sexual assault and
11 who does not qualify under subsection (e) of this section
12 shall be punished by life imprisonment without parole if
13 the actor has two (2) or more previous convictions for any
14 of the following designated offenses, which convictions
15 resulted from charges separately brought and which arose
16 out of separate occurrences in this state or elsewhere:

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18 (e) An actor who is convicted of sexual assault shall
19 be punished by life imprisonment without parole if:

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21 (i) The victim of the sexual assault is a minor;
22 and

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1 (ii) The actor has one (1) or more previous
2 convictions for any of the following designated offenses,
3 which conviction resulted from a charge separately brought
4 and which arose out of a separate occurrence in this state
5 or elsewhere:

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7 (A) A crime defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through
8 6-2-304 or a criminal statute containing the same or
9 similar elements as a crime defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through
10 6-2-304, if the circumstances of the crime involved a
11 victim who was a minor;

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13 (B) A conviction under W.S. 14-3-105(a), or
14 a criminal statute containing the same or similar elements
15 as the crime defined by W.S. 14-3-105(a), if the
16 circumstances of the crime involved a victim who was under
17 the age of sixteen (16) years at the time of the offense
18 and an actor who was at least four (4) years older than the
19 victim.

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21 **6-4-303. Sexual exploitation of children; penalties;**
22 **definitions.**

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1 (c) The sexual exploitation of a child pursuant to
2 paragraphs (b)(i) through (iii) of this section is a felony
3 punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years
4 nor more than twelve (12) years, a fine of not more than
5 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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7 **14-3-105. Immoral or indecent acts; penalty.**

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9 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this
10 section, an actor convicted under subsection (a) of this
11 section shall be punished by life imprisonment without
12 parole if:

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14 (c) An actor convicted under subsection (a) of this
15 section shall be punished by life imprisonment without
16 parole if:

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18 (i) The circumstances of the crime involve a
19 victim who was under the age of sixteen (16) years at the
20 time of the offense and the actor was at least four (4)
21 years older than the victim; and

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23 (ii) The actor has one (1) or more previous
24 convictions for any of the following offenses, which

1 convictions resulted from charges separately brought and
2 which arose out of separate occurrences in this state or
3 elsewhere:

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5 (A) A conviction under W.S. 6-2-302 through
6 6-2-304 or a criminal statute containing the same or
7 similar elements as a crime defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through
8 6-2-304, if the circumstances of the crime involved a
9 victim who was a child;

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11 (B) A conviction under W.S. 14-3-105(a), or
12 a criminal statute containing the same or similar elements
13 as the crime defined by W.S. 14-3-105(a), if the
14 circumstances of the crime involved a victim who was under
15 the age of sixteen (16) years at the time of the offense
16 and an actor who was at least four (4) years older than the
17 victim.

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19 ~~(e)~~(d) As used in this section, "child" means a
20 person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

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22 **Section 2.** W.S. 14-3-105(b)(ii)(C) is repealed.
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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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