

SENATE FILE NO. SF0084

Aggravated assault-choking.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hastert, Dockstader, Hunnicutt
and Sessions and Representative(s) Gingery,
Meyer, Throne and Zwonitzer, Dn.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; adding
2 strangulation and suffocation as new means of committing
3 aggravated assault; providing definitions; providing an
4 exemption; and 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. 6-2-502(a)(iii), (iv) and by creating
9 a new paragraph (v) is amended to read:

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11 **6-2-502. Aggravated assault and battery; penalty.**

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13 (a) A person is guilty of aggravated assault and
14 battery if he:

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1 (iii) Threatens to use a drawn deadly weapon on
2 another unless reasonably necessary in defense of his
3 person, property or abode or to prevent serious bodily
4 injury to another;~~or~~

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6 (iv) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly
7 causes bodily injury to a woman whom he knows is pregnant;~~or~~
8 or

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10 (v) Intentionally causes substantial bodily harm
11 by impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of
12 another person by applying pressure on the throat or neck
13 or by blocking the nose or mouth. This paragraph shall not
14 apply to peace officers, corrections officers or detention
15 officers using reasonable force within the scope of
16 official duties. As used in this paragraph:

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18 (A) "Substantial bodily harm" means:

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20 (I) Bodily harm that causes a
21 laceration that requires stitches, staples or a tissue
22 adhesive;

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24 (II) Any fracture of a bone;

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(III) A broken nose;

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(IV) A burn;

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(V) A bruise;

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(VI) A contusion or petechia caused by

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strangulation or suffocation;

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(VII) A temporary loss of

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consciousness, sight or hearing;

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(VIII) A concussion; or

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(IX) A loss or fracture of a tooth.

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(B) "Petechia" means a minute colored spot

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that appears on the skin, eye, eyelid or mucus membrane of

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a person as a result of localized hemorrhage or rupture to

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a blood vessel or capillary.

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