

SENATE FILE NO. SF0033

Computer extortion.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to offenses against computer property;  
2 creating the criminal offense of computer extortion;  
3 specifying elements of the offense; providing penalties;  
4 expanding the list of computer crimes to be investigated by  
5 the division of criminal investigation; and providing for  
6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-507 is created to read:

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12 **6-3-507. Computer extortion; penalties.**

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14 (a) A person is guilty of computer extortion if he  
15 knowingly and without authorization introduces, or directs  
16 or induces another to introduce, any ransomware into a

1 computer, computer system or computer network which  
2 requires the payment of money or other consideration to  
3 remove the ransomware or repair the damage caused to the  
4 computer, computer system or computer network by the  
5 ransomware.

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7 (b) Computer extortion is a felony punishable by  
8 imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of  
9 not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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11 (c) For purposes of this section:

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13 (i) "Computer or data contaminant" means any  
14 virus, worm or other similar computer program designed to  
15 modify, damage, destroy, record or transmit information  
16 within a computer, computer system or computer network;

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18 (ii) "Ransomware" means a computer or data  
19 contaminant or lock that restricts an owner's access to a  
20 computer, computer system or computer network in any way.

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22 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-1-618(b)(iv) is amended to read:

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1           **9-1-618. Agents to be safeguarded as peace officers;**  
2 **general assistance to state, county or local authorities;**  
3 **investigative duties.**

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5           (b) The division shall investigate:

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7                   (iv) Suspected violations of computer crimes as  
8 specified in W.S. 6-3-501 through ~~6-3-505~~ 6-3-507;

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10           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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