

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0113

Violence against a health care provider-enhanced penalties.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Pownall, Barlow, Dayton,
Hallinan and Pelkey and Senator(s) Baldwin,
Von Flatern and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to offenses against the person; providing
2 that assault, battery or unlawful contact against a health
3 care provider is a high misdemeanor; providing a
4 definition; 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. 6-2-501(c), (d), (h) and by creating
9 new subsections (j) and (k) is amended to read:

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11 **6-2-501. Simple assault; battery; penalties.**

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13 (c) Simple assault is a misdemeanor punishable by a
14 fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars

1 (\$750.00), except as otherwise provided by subsection (j)
2 of this section.

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4 (d) Battery is a misdemeanor punishable by
5 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of
6 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or
7 both, except as otherwise provided by subsection (j) of
8 this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
9 the term of probation imposed by a judge under this
10 subsection may exceed the maximum term of imprisonment
11 established for the offense under this subsection provided
12 the term of probation, together with any extension thereof,
13 shall in no case exceed one (1) year.

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15 (h) An unlawful contact under subsection (g) of this
16 section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not
17 more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven
18 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or both, except as
19 otherwise provided by subsection (j) of this section.

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21 (j) If a person commits an offense under subsection
22 (a), (b) or (g) of this section against a health care
23 provider while the health care provider is acting within

1 the scope of their employment, the person is guilty of a
2 high misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment for
3 not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than five
4 thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

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6 (k) As used in this section, "health care provider"
7 means a person who is licensed, certified or otherwise
8 authorized or permitted by the laws of this state to
9 administer health care in the ordinary course of business
10 or practice of a profession.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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