

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0132

Strangulation of a household member.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Pelkey, Blake, Harvey and Lindholm and Senator(s) Hastert and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; expanding the
2 definition of violent felony to include strangulation of a
3 household member; increasing penalties for strangulation of
4 a household member; 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. 6-1-104(a)(xii), 6-2-509(b) and
9 7-13-1301(a)(vi) are amended to read:

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11 **6-1-104. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this act, unless otherwise defined:

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1 (xii) "Violent felony" means murder,
 2 manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first or
 3 second degree, robbery, aggravated assault, aircraft
 4 hijacking, arson in the first or second degree, ~~or~~
 5 aggravated burglary or strangulation of a household member
 6 or a violation of W.S. 6-2-314(a)(i) or 6-2-315(a)(ii);

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8 **6-2-509. Strangulation of a household member;**
 9 **penalty.**

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11 (b) Strangulation of a household member is a felony
 12 punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~five (5) ten~~
 13 (10) years.

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15 **7-13-1301. Definitions.**

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17 (a) As used in W.S. 7-13-1301 through 7-13-1304:

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19 (vi) "Violent felony" means murder,
 20 manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first or
 21 second degree, robbery, aggravated assault, aircraft
 22 hijacking, arson in the first or second degree, ~~or~~
 23 aggravated burglary or strangulation of a household member;

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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