

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0046

Crime of bestiality.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Stith, Gray and Jennings
and Senator(s) Kolb, Kost, Nethercott and
Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime
2 of bestiality; prohibiting bestiality as specified;
3 providing definitions; providing a penalty; and providing
4 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. 6-4-601 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 6

11 BESTIALITY

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13 **6-4-601. Bestiality; penalty.**

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15 (a) As used in this section:

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2 (i) "Actor" means the person accused of
3 bestiality;

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5 (ii) "Sexual act with an animal" means any act,
6 between a person and an animal involving direct physical
7 contact between the genitals of one and the mouth, anus or
8 genitals of the other. A sexual act with an animal may be
9 proved without evidence of penetration.

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11 (b) An actor commits the crime of bestiality if the
12 actor knowingly:

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14 (i) Engages in a sexual act with an animal;

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16 (ii) Causes, aids or abets another in engaging
17 in a sexual act with an animal;

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19 (iii) Uses any part of the actor's body or an
20 object to sexually stimulate an animal; or

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1 (iv) For the purpose of sexual gratification,
2 the actor visually records a person engaging in a sexual
3 act with an animal.

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5 (c) Bestiality is a misdemeanor punishable by
6 imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not
7 more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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9 (d) This section shall not apply to or prohibit
10 normal, ordinary or accepted practices involved in animal
11 husbandry, artificial insemination or veterinary medicine.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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