

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0051

Municipal courts-maximum penalties.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts; increasing the maximum fines and  
2 terms of imprisonment that municipal courts may impose; and  
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 5-6-201(a), 5-6-210(a) and 5-6-301(a)  
8 are amended to read:

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10 **5-6-201. Jurisdiction of municipal judge; change of**  
11 **venue prohibited; exception for certain civil penalties.**

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13 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this  
14 section, a municipal judge has exclusive jurisdiction over  
15 all violations of ordinances of the city. The municipal  
16 judge shall hear and determine violations of ordinances and

1 may impose fines not exceeding ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~  
2 ~~(\$750.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment  
3 not exceeding ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year, or both, to  
4 which may be added costs. No change of venue shall be  
5 granted in any case arising under the ordinances of the  
6 city.

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8 **5-6-210. Punishment regulated by ordinance; maximum**  
9 **fine and imprisonment.**

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11 (a) Any person convicted by a municipal judge of any  
12 offense under any ordinance of the city shall be punished  
13 by fine or imprisonment or both as provided by ordinance.  
14 Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no  
15 fine shall exceed ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ one  
16 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for any one (1) offense  
17 recoverable with costs, and no imprisonment shall exceed  
18 ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year.

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20 **5-6-301. Punishment of persons convicted before**  
21 **judge; maximum penalty permitted; power to punish for**  
22 **contempt.**

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1           (a) A person convicted before a municipal judge shall  
2 be fined and imprisoned as provided by ordinance. Except as  
3 provided by W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xli) or subsection (c) of this  
4 section, no fine shall exceed ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~  
5 ~~(\$750.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and no  
6 imprisonment shall exceed ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year.

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8           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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