

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0042

Duty to stop vehicle during accidents-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Smith, S and Senator(s) Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending the elements
2 and penalty for the failure to comply with the duty to stop
3 vehicle where an accident involves death or personal
4 injuries; making the penalty for failure to stop vehicle
5 where an accident involves death or personal injuries a
6 felony; increasing penalties; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1101 is amended to read:

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13 **31-5-1101. Duty to stop vehicle where accident**
14 **involves death or personal injuries; penalties.**

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1 (a) The driver of any vehicle knowingly involved in
2 an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person
3 shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the
4 accident or as close thereto as possible but shall then
5 forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the
6 scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the
7 requirements of W.S. 31-5-1103. Every stop shall be made
8 without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

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10 (b) Any person failing to stop or to comply with
11 subsection (a) of this section shall ~~upon conviction~~, be:
12 imprisoned

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14 (i) Guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
15 imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, ~~fined a fine~~
16 not ~~more than to exceed~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00),
17 or both, if the accident resulted in bodily injury as
18 defined by W.S. 6-1-104(a)(i);

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20 (ii) Guilty of a felony punishable by
21 imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine not
22 to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if

1 the accident resulted in death or serious bodily injury as
2 defined by W.S. 6-1-104(a)(x).

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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6 (END)