

TITLE 6
CRIMES AND OFFENSES

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1
IN GENERAL

6-1-101. Short title; applicability of provisions; conflicting penalties.

(a) This act may be cited as the Wyoming Criminal Code.

(b) This act does not apply to crimes committed prior to the effective date of this act. Prosecutions for a crime shall be governed by the law in effect on the date when the crime occurred. A crime was committed prior to the effective date of this act if any of the elements of the crime occurred prior to the effective date of this act.

(c) In a case pending on or after the effective date of this act, involving a crime committed prior to the effective date, if the penalty under this act for the crime is different from the penalty under prior law, the court shall impose the lesser sentence.

6-1-102. Common-law crimes abolished; common-law defenses retained.

(a) Common-law crimes are abolished. No conduct constitutes a crime unless it is described as a crime in this act or in another statute of this state. This section does not limit the power of the court to:

(i) Punish for contempt or to employ any sanction authorized by law for the enforcement of an order lawfully entered or a civil judgment or decree; or

(ii) Use case law as an interpretive aid and in the construction of this act.

(b) Common-law defenses are retained unless otherwise provided by this act.

6-1-103. Civil recovery for criminal act; conviction as evidence in civil suit.

(a) Nothing in this act prevents a party whose person or property is injured by a criminal act from recovering full damages.

(b) No record of a conviction, unless it was obtained by confession in open court, shall be used as evidence in an action brought to recover damages.

6-1-104. Definitions.

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

(i) "Bodily injury" means:

(A) A cut, abrasion, burn or temporary disfigurement;

(B) Physical pain; or

(C) Impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or mental faculty.

(ii) "Coin machine" means a mechanical or electronic device or receptacle designed to:

(A) Receive a coin, bill or token made for that purpose; and

(B) Automatically offer, provide or assist in providing or permit the acquisition of property or service in return for the insertion of the coin, bill or token.

(iii) "Criminal negligence" is defined as the following conduct: A person acts with criminal negligence when, through a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would exercise, he fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the harm he is accused of causing will occur, and the harm results. The risk shall be of such nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation;

(iv) "Deadly weapon" means but is not limited to a firearm, explosive or incendiary material, motorized vehicle, an animal or other device, instrument, material or substance, which

in the manner it is used or is intended to be used is reasonably capable of producing death or serious bodily injury;

(v) "Occupied structure" means a structure or vehicle whether or not a person is actually present:

(A) Where any person lives or carries on business or other calling;

(B) Where people assemble for purposes of business, government, education, religion, entertainment or public transportation;

(C) Which is used for overnight accommodation of persons; or

(D) In which a person may reasonably be expected to be present.

(vi) "Peace officer" includes the following officers assigned to duty in the state of Wyoming:

(A) Any duly authorized sheriff, under sheriff or deputy sheriff;

(B) Any duly authorized member of a municipal police force, a college or university campus police force or the Wyoming highway patrol;

(C) Game and fish law enforcement personnel qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707 and:

(I) When enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties;

(II) While responding to requests to assist other peace officers performing their official duties or when enforcing a valid arrest warrant for any crime; or

(III) When performing their official duties or enforcing any provision of title 23 and chapter 13 of title 41, any rule and regulation promulgated by the Wyoming game and fish commission or any other statute for which they are granted statutory enforcement authority.

(D) Agents of the division of criminal investigation appointed pursuant to W.S. 9-1-613 who have qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707;

(E) Any duly authorized arson investigator employed by the state fire marshal;

(F) Investigators and brand inspectors of the Wyoming livestock board who have qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707 when:

(I) Enforcing W.S. 6-3-201, 6-3-203, 6-3-401, 6-3-402, 6-3-410, 6-3-601 through 6-3-603, 6-3-607, 6-3-610 through 6-3-612, 6-9-202, 35-10-101, 35-10-102 and 35-10-104, the provisions of title 11 and any laws prohibiting theft or mutilation of livestock or any part thereof and any rule or regulation promulgated by the Wyoming livestock board or any other law for which they are granted statutory enforcement authority;

(II) Responding to a request to assist another peace officer as defined in this paragraph performing his official duty; or

(III) Enforcing a valid arrest warrant for a crime specified in subdivision (F)(I) of this paragraph.

(G) Federal law enforcement agents;

(H) Investigators employed by the Wyoming state board of outfitters and professional guides and qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when enforcing W.S. 23-2-401 and 23-2-406 through 23-2-418 and board rules and regulations promulgated under W.S. 23-2-410(a)(ii);

(J) Any duly authorized detention officer who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when engaged in the performance of his duties;

(K) Any person employed by the state department of corrections on a full-time basis as a correctional officer to care for, supervise and control persons under the custody of the department, when the person is engaged in the performance of his duties;

(M) Any peace officer certified by another state who has been appointed as a special deputy sheriff of a Wyoming county pursuant to W.S. 18-3-602(c);

(N) Certified law enforcement officers of an adjoining state while responding to a request for assistance from a peace officer in this state pursuant to the "Law Enforcement Interstate Mutual Aid Act" or other lawful request;

(O) The director and full-time staff instructors of the Wyoming law enforcement academy when duly appointed and acting pursuant to W.S. 9-1-633(b);

(P) Any superintendent, assistant superintendent or full-time park ranger of any state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site or when responding to a request to assist other peace officers acting within the scope of their official duties in their own jurisdiction;

(Q) Any duly authorized court security officer employed by the Wyoming supreme court who is qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707 when:

(I) Enforcing Wyoming statutes or supreme court rules on premises where the supreme court is conducting business;

(II) In fresh pursuit of a person whom the officer has probable cause to believe has committed within the officer's jurisdiction a violation of a state statute, or for whom an arrest warrant is outstanding for any criminal offense;
or

(III) When responding to a request to assist other peace officers acting within the scope of their official duties in their own jurisdiction.

(R) Any person qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707 and employed by the Wyoming gaming commission when engaged in the performance of that person's duties or when responding to a request to assist other peace officers acting within the scope of their official duties in their own jurisdiction.

(vii) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, joint stock company or any other association or entity, public or private;

(viii) "Property" means anything of value whether tangible or intangible, real or personal, public or private;

(ix) "Recklessly" is defined as the following conduct: A person acts recklessly when he consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the harm he is accused of causing will occur, and the harm results. The risk shall be of such nature and degree that disregarding it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person would observe in the situation;

(x) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury which:

(A) Creates a substantial risk of death;

(B) Causes severe protracted physical pain;

(C) Causes severe disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of a bodily function;

(D) Causes unconsciousness or a concussion resulting in protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or mental faculty;

(E) Causes burns of the second or third degree over a significant portion of the body; or

(F) Causes a significant fracture or break of a bone.

(xi) "Vehicle" means any device by which persons or property may be moved, carried or transported over land, water or air;

(xii) "Violent felony" means murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first or second degree, robbery, aggravated assault, strangulation of a household member, aircraft hijacking, arson in the first or second degree, aggravated burglary, a violation of W.S. 6-2-314(a) (i) or 6-2-315(a) (ii) or a third, or subsequent, domestic battery under W.S. 6-2-511(a) and (b) (iii);

(xiii) "Torture", "torment" or "cruelty" means every act, omission or neglect whereby the willful and malicious infliction of pain or suffering is caused, permitted or allowed to continue when there is a reasonable remedy or relief;

(xiv) "Criminal street gang" means an ongoing formal or informal organization, association or group of five (5) or more persons having as one (1) of its primary activities the commission of one (1) or more of the criminal acts enumerated in paragraph (xv) of this subsection, having a common name or identifying sign or symbol and whose members or associates individually or collectively engage in or have been engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity;

(xv) "Pattern of criminal street gang activity" means the commission of, conviction or adjudication for or solicitation, conspiracy or attempt to commit two (2) or more of the offenses listed in this paragraph on separate occasions within a three (3) year period. Offenses that form a pattern of criminal street gang activity include:

(A) A violent felony as defined in paragraph (xii) of this subsection;

(B) Promoting prostitution in violation of W.S. 6-4-103;

(C) Felony property destruction and defacement in violation of W.S. 6-3-201 and punishable under W.S. 6-3-201(b) (iii);

(D) Theft in violation of W.S. 6-3-402;

(E) Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

(F) Forgery in violation of W.S. 6-3-602;

(G) Influencing, intimidating or impeding jurors, witnesses and officers, or obstructing or impeding justice in violation of W.S. 6-5-305;

(H) Possession of a firearm by a person convicted of certain felony offenses in violation of W.S. 6-8-102;

(J) Wearing or carrying concealed weapons in violation of W.S. 6-8-104;

(K) Possession, manufacture or disposition of a deadly weapon with unlawful intent in violation of W.S. 6-8-103;

(M) Blackmail in violation of W.S. 6-2-402;

(N) Possession, manufacture, transportation and sale of any explosive, improvised explosive device or incendiary apparatus with unlawful intent in violation of W.S. 6-3-111;

(O) Sports bribery in violation of W.S. 6-3-609;

(P) Aggravated cruelty to animals in violation of W.S. 6-3-203(c);

(Q) The unlawful sale or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance in violation of W.S. 35-7-1031;

(R) Simple assault in violation of W.S. 6-2-501(a) and domestic assault in violation of W.S. 6-2-510;

(S) Battery in violation of W.S. 6-2-501(b) and domestic battery in violation of W.S. 6-2-511.

(xvi) "Courtroom" means a room in which a judge is presiding over a court of law;

(xvii) "Female genital mutilation" includes the partial or total removal of the clitoris, prepuce, labia minora, with or without excision of the labia majora, the narrowing of the vaginal opening such as through the creation of a covering seal formed by cutting and repositioning the inner or outer labia, with or without removal of the clitoris, any harmful procedure to the genitalia, including pricking, piercing, incising, scraping or cauterizing or any other actions intended to alter the structure or function of the female genitalia for nonmedical reasons. "Female genital mutilation" does not include a procedure performed by a licensed health care provider that is medically necessary due to a medically recognized condition or medically advisable or necessary to preserve or protect the physical health of the person on whom it is performed;

(xviii) "This act" means title 6 of the Wyoming statutes.

ARTICLE 2
LIABILITY

6-1-201. Accessory before the fact.

(a) A person who knowingly aids or abets in the commission of a felony, or who counsels, encourages, hires, commands or procures a felony to be committed, is an accessory before the fact.

(b) An accessory before the fact:

(i) May be indicted, informed against, tried and convicted as if he were a principal;

(ii) May be indicted, informed against, tried and convicted either before or after and whether or not the principal offender is indicted, informed against, tried or convicted; and

(iii) Upon conviction, is subject to the same punishment and penalties as are prescribed by law for the punishment of the principal.

6-1-202. Being under the influence not a defense; effect upon intent; "self-induced."

(a) Self-induced intoxication of the defendant is not a defense to a criminal charge except to the extent that in any prosecution evidence of self-induced intoxication of the defendant may be offered when it is relevant to negate the existence of a specific intent which is an element of the crime.

(b) Intoxication is self-induced if it is caused by substances which the defendant knows or ought to know have the tendency to cause intoxication and which he knowingly and voluntarily introduced or allowed to be introduced into his body unless they were introduced pursuant to medical advice. The fact that the defendant is dependent upon the intoxicating substance is not relevant in determining whether his intoxication is self-induced.

6-1-203. Battered woman syndrome.

(a) The "battered woman syndrome" is defined as a subset under the diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

established in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders III - Revised of the American Psychiatric Association.

(b) If a person is charged with a crime involving the use of force against another, and the person raises the affirmative defense of self-defense, the person may introduce expert testimony that the person suffered from the syndrome, to establish the necessary requisite belief of an imminent danger of death or great bodily harm as an element of the affirmative defense, to justify the person's use of force.

6-1-204. Immunity from civil action for justifiable use of force; attorney fees.

(a) Except as provided by W.S. 6-1-103(a), a person who uses reasonable defensive force pursuant to W.S. 6-2-602 is immune from civil action for the use of the force.

(b) In a civil action filed against a person related to the person's use of defensive force, the person may file a motion with the court asserting that the person used reasonable defensive force under W.S. 6-2-602. Upon the filing of the motion the court shall hold a hearing prior to trial and shall grant the person's motion if he proves by a preponderance of the evidence that he used reasonable defensive force under W.S. 6-2-602.

(c) A court shall award reasonable attorney fees, court costs, compensation for any loss of income and all other expenses incurred by a person in defense of any civil action arising from the person's use of reasonable defensive force pursuant to W.S. 6-2-602 if the court finds that the defendant is immune from civil action under subsection (a) of this section.

6-1-205. Limitations on criminal liability for digital expression.

(a) A digital expression that does not otherwise constitute a crime or subject the person responsible for creating the digital expression to criminal liability under the Wyoming Criminal Code shall not serve as the sole basis for any criminal liability based on the use of that digital expression by another person.

(b) Hosting or storing a digital expression on a computer, computer network or computer system in Wyoming in a manner that

does not otherwise constitute a crime or subject the person hosting or storing the digital expression to criminal liability under the Wyoming Criminal Code shall not serve as the sole basis for any criminal liability based on the use of that digital expression by another person.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit liability for criminal activity merely because the conduct was in part initiated or carried out by means of a digital expression.

(d) As used in this section:

(i) "Digital expression" means an expression that is communicated through source code or a computer program;

(ii) "Computer" means as defined in W.S. 6-3-501(a) (ii);

(iii) "Computer network" means as defined in W.S. 6-3-501(a) (iii);

(iv) "Computer program" means as defined in W.S. 6-3-501(a) (iv);

(v) "Computer software" mean as defined by W.S. 6-3-501(a) (v);

(vi) "Computer system" means as defined in W.S. 6-3-501(a) (vi);

(vii) "Source code" means any form of work used to create or modify a computer program. "Source code" includes:

(A) Instructions and statements expressed in a computer programming language;

(B) Computer programming comments, notes and memoranda;

(C) Design documents and functional specifications for a computer program.

ARTICLE 3 INCHOATE OFFENSES

6-1-301. Attempt; renunciation of criminal intention.

(a) A person is guilty of an attempt to commit a crime if:

(i) With the intent to commit the crime, he does any act which is a substantial step towards commission of the crime. A "substantial step" is conduct which is strongly corroborative of the firmness of the person's intention to complete the commission of the crime; or

(ii) He intentionally engages in conduct which would constitute the crime had the attendant circumstances been as the person believes them to be.

(b) A person is not liable under this section if, under circumstances manifesting a voluntary and complete renunciation of his criminal intention, he avoided the commission of the crime attempted by abandoning his criminal effort. Within the meaning of this subsection, renunciation of criminal purpose is not voluntary if it is motivated, in whole or in part, by circumstances, not present or apparent at the inception of the person's course of conduct, which increase the probability of detection or apprehension or which make more difficult the accomplishment of the criminal intention. Renunciation is not complete if it is motivated by a decision to postpone the criminal conduct until a more advantageous time or to transfer the criminal effort to another but similar objective or victim.

6-1-302. Solicitation to commit felony; renunciation of criminal intention.

(a) A person is guilty of solicitation to commit a felony if, with intent that a felony be committed, he commands, encourages or facilitates the commission of that crime under circumstances strongly corroborative of the intention that the crime be committed but the solicited crime is not attempted or committed.

(b) A person is not liable under this section if, after soliciting another person to commit a crime, he persuaded the other person not to do so or otherwise prevented the commission of the crime, under circumstances manifesting a voluntary and complete renunciation of his criminal intention.

6-1-303. Conspiracy; renunciation of criminal intention; venue.

(a) A person is guilty of conspiracy to commit a crime if he agrees with one (1) or more persons that they or one (1) or more of them will commit a crime and one (1) or more of them does an overt act to effect the objective of the agreement.

(b) A person is not liable under this section if after conspiring he withdraws from the conspiracy and thwarts its success under circumstances manifesting voluntary and complete renunciation of his criminal intention.

(c) A conspiracy may be prosecuted in the county where the agreement was entered into, or in any county where any act evidencing the conspiracy or furthering the purpose took place.

6-1-304. Grading.

The penalty for attempt, solicitation or conspiracy is the same as the penalty for the most serious crime which is attempted, solicited or is an object of the conspiracy except that an attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit a capital crime is not punishable by the death penalty if the capital crime is not committed.

CHAPTER 2
OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

ARTICLE 1
HOMICIDE

6-2-101. Murder in the first degree; penalty.

(a) Whoever purposely and with premeditated malice, or in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, any sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor, arson, robbery, burglary, escape, resisting arrest, kidnapping or abuse of a child under the age of sixteen (16) years, kills any human being is guilty of murder in the first degree.

(b) A person convicted of murder in the first degree shall be punished by death, life imprisonment without parole or life imprisonment according to law, except that a person convicted of murder in the first degree who was under the age of eighteen (18) years at the time of the offense shall be punished by life imprisonment.

(c) A person convicted of murder in the first degree in a case in which the state seeks the death penalty shall be

sentenced in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 6-2-102. In all other cases, including any case in which the state has determined not to seek the death penalty at any stage of the proceeding, the judge shall determine the sentence of life imprisonment without parole or life imprisonment taking into consideration any negotiated plea agreement and any evidence relevant to a determination of sentence which the court deems to have probative value.

6-2-102. Presentence hearing for murder in the first degree; mitigating and aggravating circumstances; effect of error in hearing.

(a) Upon conviction of a person for murder in the first degree in a case in which the state seeks the death penalty, the judge shall conduct a separate sentencing hearing to determine whether the defendant should be sentenced to death, life imprisonment without parole or life imprisonment. The hearing shall be conducted before the judge alone if:

(i) The defendant was convicted by a judge sitting without a jury;

(ii) The defendant has pled guilty; or

(iii) The defendant waives a jury with respect to the sentence.

(b) In all other cases the sentencing hearing shall be conducted before the jury which determined the defendant's guilt or, if the judge for good cause shown discharges that jury, with a new jury impaneled for that purpose. The jury shall be instructed that if the jury does not unanimously determine that the defendant should be sentenced to death, then the defendant shall be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole or life imprisonment.

(c) The judge or jury shall hear evidence as to any matter that the court deems relevant to a determination of the sentence, and shall include matters relating to any of the aggravating or mitigating circumstances enumerated in subsections (h) and (j) of this section. Any evidence which the court deems to have probative value may be received regardless of its admissibility under the exclusionary rules of evidence, provided the defendant is accorded a fair opportunity to rebut any hearsay statements, and provided further that only such

evidence in aggravation as the state has made known to the defendant or his counsel prior to his trial shall be admissible.

(d) Upon conclusion of the evidence and arguments the judge shall give the jury appropriate instructions, including instructions as to any aggravating or mitigating circumstances, as defined in subsections (h) and (j) of this section, or proceed as provided by paragraph (iii) of this subsection:

(i) After hearing all the evidence, the jury shall deliberate and render a sentence based upon the following:

(A) Whether one (1) or more aggravating circumstances exist beyond a reasonable doubt as set forth in subsection (h) of this section;

(B) Whether, by a preponderance of the evidence, mitigating circumstances exist as set forth in subsection (j) of this section; and

(C) The mere number of aggravating or mitigating circumstances found shall have no independent significance.

(ii) The jury shall consider aggravating and mitigating circumstances unanimously found to exist, and each individual juror may also consider any mitigating circumstances found by that juror to exist. If the jury reports unanimous agreement to impose the sentence of death, the court shall discharge the jury and shall impose the sentence of death. If the jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict imposing the sentence of death within a reasonable time, the court shall instruct the jury to determine by a unanimous vote whether the penalty of life imprisonment without parole shall be imposed. If the jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict imposing the penalty of life imprisonment without parole within a reasonable time, the court shall discharge the jury and impose the sentence of life imprisonment;

(iii) In nonjury cases, the judge shall determine if any aggravating or mitigating circumstances exist and impose sentence within the limits prescribed by law, based upon the considerations enumerated in subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) of paragraph (i) of this subsection.

(e) The death penalty shall not be imposed unless at least one (1) of the aggravating circumstances set forth in subsection (h) of this section is found. In nonjury cases the judge shall

make such designation. The jury, if its verdict is a sentence of death, shall designate in writing signed by the foreman of the jury:

(i) The aggravating circumstance or circumstances which it unanimously found beyond a reasonable doubt;

(ii) The mitigating circumstance or circumstances which it unanimously found by a preponderance of the evidence; and

(iii) The mitigating circumstance or circumstances which any individual juror found by a preponderance of the evidence.

(f) Repealed By Laws 2001, Ch. 96, § 3.

(g) If the trial court is reversed on appeal because of error only in the presentence hearing, the new trial which may be ordered shall apply only to the issue of punishment.

(h) Aggravating circumstances are limited to the following:

(i) The murder was committed by a person:

(A) Confined in a jail or correctional facility;

(B) On parole or on probation for a felony;

(C) After escaping detention or incarceration;

or

(D) Released on bail pending appeal of his conviction.

(ii) The defendant was previously convicted of another murder in the first degree or a felony involving the use or threat of violence to the person;

(iii) The defendant knowingly created a great risk of death to two (2) or more persons;

(iv) The murder was committed while the defendant was engaged, or was an accomplice, in the commission of, or an attempt to commit, or flight after committing or attempting to

commit, any aircraft piracy or the unlawful throwing, placing or discharging of a destructive device or bomb;

(v) The murder was committed for the purpose of avoiding or preventing a lawful arrest or effecting an escape from custody;

(vi) The murder was committed for compensation, the collection of insurance benefits or other similar pecuniary gain;

(vii) The murder was especially atrocious or cruel, being unnecessarily torturous to the victim;

(viii) The murder of a judicial officer, former judicial officer, district attorney, former district attorney, defending attorney, peace officer, juror or witness, during or because of the exercise of his official duty or because of the victim's former or present official status;

(ix) The defendant knew or reasonably should have known the victim was less than seventeen (17) years of age or older than sixty-five (65) years of age;

(x) The defendant knew or reasonably should have known the victim was especially vulnerable due to significant mental or physical disability;

(xi) The defendant poses a substantial and continuing threat of future dangerousness or is likely to commit continued acts of criminal violence;

(xii) The defendant killed another human being purposely and with premeditated malice and while engaged in, or as an accomplice in the commission of, or an attempt to commit, or flight after committing or attempting to commit, any robbery, sexual assault, arson, burglary, kidnapping or abuse of a child under the age of sixteen (16) years.

(j) Mitigating circumstances shall include the following:

(i) The defendant has no significant history of prior criminal activity;

(ii) The murder was committed while the defendant was under the influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance;

(iii) The victim was a participant in the defendant's conduct or consented to the act;

(iv) The defendant was an accomplice in a murder committed by another person and his participation in the homicidal act was relatively minor;

(v) The defendant acted under extreme duress or under the substantial domination of another person;

(vi) The capacity of the defendant to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law was substantially impaired;

(vii) The age of the defendant at the time of the crime;

(viii) Any other fact or circumstance of the defendant's character or prior record or matter surrounding his offense which serves to mitigate his culpability.

6-2-103. Review of death sentences; notice from clerk of trial court; factors to be considered by supreme court; disposition of appeal.

(a) The judgment of conviction and sentence of death is subject to automatic review by the supreme court of Wyoming within one hundred twenty (120) days after certification by the sentencing court of the entire record, unless the time is extended for an additional period not to exceed sixty (60) days by the supreme court for good cause shown. Such review by the supreme court shall have priority over all other cases.

(b) Within ten (10) days after receiving the transcript, the clerk of the trial court shall transmit the entire record and transcript to the supreme court of Wyoming together with a notice prepared by the clerk and a report prepared by the trial judge. The notice shall set forth the title and docket number of the case, the name of the defendant and the name and address of his attorney, a statement of the judgment, the crime and punishment prescribed. The report shall be in the form of a standard questionnaire prepared and supplied by the supreme court of Wyoming.

(c) The supreme court of Wyoming shall consider the punishment as well as any errors enumerated by way of appeal.

(d) With regard to the sentence, the court shall determine if:

(i) The sentence of death was imposed under the influence of passion, prejudice or any other arbitrary factor;

(ii) The evidence supports the jury's or judge's finding of an aggravating circumstance as enumerated in W.S. 6-2-102 and mitigating circumstances.

(iii) Repealed by Laws 1989, ch. 171, § 2.

(e) In addition to its authority regarding correction of errors, the court, with regard to review of death sentences, may:

(i) Affirm the sentence of death;

(ii) Set the sentence aside and impose a sentence of life imprisonment without parole, or life imprisonment; or

(iii) Set the sentence aside and remand the case for resentencing.

6-2-104. Murder in the second degree; penalty.

Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-109, whoever purposely and maliciously, but without premeditation, kills any human being is guilty of murder in the second degree, and shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for any term not less than twenty (20) years, or during life.

6-2-105. Manslaughter; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of manslaughter if he unlawfully kills any human being without malice, expressed or implied, either:

(i) Voluntarily, upon a sudden heat of passion; or

(ii) Involuntarily, but recklessly except under circumstances constituting a violation of W.S. 6-2-106(b).

(b) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-109, manslaughter is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than twenty (20) years.

6-2-106. Homicide by vehicle; aggravated homicide by vehicle; penalties.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person is guilty of homicide by vehicle and shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both, if he operates or drives a vehicle in a criminally negligent manner, and his conduct is the proximate cause of the death of another person. Evidence of a violation of any state law or ordinance applying to the operation or use of a vehicle or to the regulation of traffic, except for evidence of a violation of W.S. 10-6-103, 31-5-233 and 41-13-206, is admissible in any prosecution under this subsection.

(b) A person is guilty of aggravated homicide by vehicle and shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than twenty (20) years, if:

(i) While operating or driving a vehicle in violation of W.S. 10-6-103, 31-5-233 or 41-13-206, he causes the death of another person and the violation is the proximate cause of the death; or

(ii) He operates or drives a vehicle in a reckless manner, and his conduct is the proximate cause of the death of another person.

(c) The department of transportation shall revoke the license or permit to drive and the nonresident operating privilege of any person convicted of aggravated homicide by vehicle or of homicide by vehicle.

(d) Any person convicted of aggravated homicide by vehicle for causing the death of another person while operating or driving a vehicle in violation of W.S. 31-5-233 shall not be issued an ignition interlock restricted license under W.S. 31-5-233 or 31-7-401 through 31-7-404.

6-2-107. Criminally negligent homicide.

(a) Except under circumstances constituting a violation of W.S. 6-2-106, a person is guilty of criminally negligent homicide if he causes the death of another person by conduct amounting to criminal negligence.

(b) Criminally negligent homicide is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

6-2-108. Drug induced homicide; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of drug induced homicide if:

(i) He is an adult or is at least four (4) years older than the victim; and

(ii) He violates W.S. 35-7-1031(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii) by unlawfully delivering a controlled substance to a minor and that minor dies as a result of the injection, inhalation, ingestion or administration by any other means of any amount of that controlled substance.

(b) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-109, drug induced homicide is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than twenty (20) years.

6-2-109. Sentencing enhancement for the homicide of a pregnant woman causing the involuntary termination of the pregnancy.

(a) Upon sentencing of a defendant who is convicted of an offense pursuant to W.S. 6-2-104, 6-2-105 or 6-2-108, if the jury has found that the victim was pregnant at the time of the commission of the offense and that the defendant knew that the victim was pregnant at the time of the commission of the offense, the court shall impose a sentence as follows:

(i) For a conviction of W.S. 6-2-104, imprisonment in the penitentiary for any term not less than forty (40) years, or during life; or

(ii) For a conviction of W.S. 6-2-105 or 6-2-108, imprisonment in the penitentiary for any term not less than ten (10) years and not more than thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE 2
KIDNAPPING AND RELATED OFFENSES

6-2-201. Kidnapping; penalties; effect of release of victim.

(a) A person is guilty of kidnapping if he unlawfully removes another from his place of residence or business or from the vicinity where he was at the time of the removal, or if he unlawfully confines another person, with the intent to:

(i) Hold for ransom or reward, or as a shield or hostage;

(ii) Facilitate the commission of a felony; or

(iii) Inflict bodily injury on or to terrorize the victim or another.

(b) A removal or confinement is unlawful if it is accomplished:

(i) By force, threat or deception; or

(ii) Without the consent of a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the general supervision of an individual who is under the age of fourteen (14) or who is adjudicated incompetent.

(c) If the defendant voluntarily releases the victim substantially unharmed and in a safe place prior to trial, kidnapping is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years.

(d) If the defendant does not voluntarily release the victim substantially unharmed and in a safe place prior to trial, kidnapping is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than twenty (20) years or for life except as provided in W.S. 6-2-101.

6-2-202. Felonious restraint; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of felonious restraint if he knowingly:

(i) Restrains another unlawfully in circumstances exposing him to risk of serious bodily injury; or

(ii) Holds another in a condition of involuntary servitude.

(b) Felonious restraint is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years.

6-2-203. False imprisonment; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of false imprisonment if he knowingly and unlawfully restrains another so as to interfere substantially with his liberty.

(b) False imprisonment is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

6-2-204. Interference with custody; presumption of knowledge of child's age; affirmative defenses; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of interference with custody if, having no privilege to do so, he knowingly:

(i) Takes or entices a minor from the custody of the minor's parent, guardian or other lawful custodian; or

(ii) Fails or refuses to return a minor to the person entitled to custody.

(b) Proof that the child was under the age of majority gives rise to an inference that the person knew the child's age.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that:

(i) The action was necessary to preserve the child from an immediate danger to his welfare; or

(ii) The child was not less than fourteen (14) years old and the child was taken away or was not returned:

(A) At his own instigation; and

(B) Without intent to commit a criminal offense with or against the child.

(d) Interference with custody is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years if:

(i) The defendant is not a parent or person in equivalent relation to the child; or

(ii) The defendant knowingly conceals and harbors the child or refuses to reveal the location of the child to the parent, guardian or lawful custodian.

(e) Interference with custody which is not punishable under subsection (d) of this section is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years.

ARTICLE 3
SEXUAL ASSAULT

6-2-301. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Actor" means the person accused of criminal assault;

(ii) "Intimate parts" means the external genitalia, perineum, anus or pubes of any person or the breast of a female person;

(iii) "Physically helpless" means unconscious, asleep or otherwise physically unable to communicate unwillingness to act;

(iv) "Position of authority" means that position occupied by a parent, guardian, relative, household member, teacher, employer, custodian, health care provider or any other person who, by reason of his position, is able to exercise significant influence over a person;

(v) "Sexual assault" means any act made criminal pursuant to W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-319;

(vi) "Sexual contact" means touching, with the intention of sexual arousal, gratification or abuse, of the victim's intimate parts by the actor, or of the actor's intimate parts by the victim, or of the clothing covering the immediate area of the victim's or actor's intimate parts;

(vii) "Sexual intrusion" means:

(A) Any intrusion, however slight, by any object or any part of a person's body, except the mouth, tongue or penis, into the genital or anal opening of another person's body

if that sexual intrusion can reasonably be construed as being for the purposes of sexual arousal, gratification or abuse; or

(B) Sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, analingus or anal intercourse with or without emission.

(viii) "Victim" means the person alleged to have been subjected to sexual assault;

(ix) "Health care provider" means an individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted by the laws of this state to provide care, treatment, services or procedures to maintain, diagnose or otherwise treat a patient's physical or mental condition;

(x) Repealed by Laws 2019, ch. 186, § 2.

6-2-302. Sexual assault in the first degree.

(a) Any actor who inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim commits a sexual assault in the first degree if:

(i) The actor causes submission of the victim through the actual application, reasonably calculated to cause submission of the victim, of physical force or forcible confinement;

(ii) The actor causes submission of the victim by threat of death, serious bodily injury, extreme physical pain or kidnapping to be inflicted on anyone and the victim reasonably believes that the actor has the present ability to execute these threats;

(iii) The victim is physically helpless, and the actor knows or reasonably should know that the victim is physically helpless and that the victim has not consented; or

(iv) The actor knows or reasonably should know that the victim through a mental illness, mental deficiency or developmental disability is incapable of appraising the nature of the victim's conduct.

6-2-303. Sexual assault in the second degree.

(a) Any actor who inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim commits sexual assault in the second degree if, under

circumstances not constituting sexual assault in the first degree:

(i) The actor causes submission of the victim by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or the victim's spouse, parents, brothers, sisters or children, and the victim reasonably believes the actor will execute this threat. "To retaliate" includes threats of kidnapping, death, serious bodily injury or extreme physical pain;

(ii) The actor causes submission of the victim by any means that would prevent resistance by a victim of ordinary resolution;

(iii) The actor administers, or knows that someone else administered to the victim, without the prior knowledge or consent of the victim, any substance which substantially impairs the victim's power to appraise or control his conduct;

(iv) The actor knows or should reasonably know that the victim submits erroneously believing the actor to be the victim's spouse;

(v) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(vi) The actor is in a position of authority over the victim and uses this position of authority to cause the victim to submit;

(vii) The actor is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer of a state, county, city or town, or privately operated adult or juvenile correctional system, including but not limited to jails, penal institutions, detention centers, juvenile residential or rehabilitative facilities, adult community correctional facilities or secure treatment facilities and the victim is known or should be known by the actor to be a resident of such facility or under supervision of the correctional system;

(viii) Repealed by Laws 2018, ch. 80, § 3.

(ix) The actor is an employee or volunteer of an elementary or secondary public or private school who, by virtue of the actor's employment or volunteer relationship with the school, has interaction with the victim who is a student or participant in the activities of the school and is more than four (4) years older than the victim.

(b) A person is guilty of sexual assault in the second degree if he subjects another person to:

(i) Sexual contact or sexual intrusion in the person's capacity as a health care provider in the course of providing care, treatment, services or procedures to maintain, diagnose or otherwise treat a patient's physical or mental condition;

(ii) Sexual contact and causes serious bodily injury to the victim under any of the circumstances listed in W.S. 6-2-302(a)(i) through (iv) or paragraphs (a)(i) through (vii) and (ix) of this section.

(c) Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 135, § 2.

6-2-304. Sexual assault in the third degree.

(a) An actor commits sexual assault in the third degree if, under circumstances not constituting sexual assault in the first or second degree:

(i) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(ii) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(iii) The actor subjects a victim to sexual contact under any of the circumstances of W.S. 6-2-302(a)(i) through (iv) or 6-2-303(a)(i) through (vii) and (ix) without inflicting sexual intrusion on the victim and without causing serious bodily injury to the victim.

6-2-305. Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 135, § 2.

6-2-306. Penalties for sexual assault.

(a) An actor convicted of sexual assault under W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 who does not qualify under the criteria of subsection (b) or (d) of this section shall be punished as follows:

(i) Sexual assault in the first degree under W.S. 6-2-302 is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than fifty (50) years;

(ii) Sexual assault in the second degree under W.S. 6-2-303 is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than twenty (20) years;

(iii) Sexual assault in the third degree under W.S. 6-2-304 is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years;

(iv) Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 135, § 2.

(b) An actor who is convicted of sexual assault under W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304, who has previously been convicted of any crime containing the same or similar elements as the crimes defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 and who does not qualify under the criteria of subsection (d) of this section shall be punished as follows:

(i) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(ii) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(iii) Sexual assault in the first or second degree under W.S. 6-2-302 or 6-2-303 is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than twenty-five (25) years or for life; or

(iv) Sexual assault in the third degree under W.S. 6-2-304 is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years.

(c) Repealed By Laws 1997, Ch. 135, § 2; 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(d) An actor who is convicted of sexual assault under W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304, or sexual abuse of a minor under W.S. 6-2-316 through 6-2-317, shall be punished by life imprisonment without parole if the actor has two (2) or more previous convictions for any of the following designated offenses, which convictions resulted from charges separately brought and which arose out of separate occurrences in this state or elsewhere and which convictions were for offenses committed after the actor reached the age of eighteen (18) years of age:

(i) A crime defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 or a criminal statute from another jurisdiction containing the same or similar elements as a crime defined by W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304.

(ii) Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 135, § 2.

(iii) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 159, § 3.

(e) An actor who is convicted of sexual abuse of a minor under W.S. 6-2-314 or 6-2-315 shall be punished by life imprisonment without parole if the actor has one (1) or more previous convictions for a violation of W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304, 6-2-314 or 6-2-315, or a criminal statute containing the same or similar elements as the crimes defined by W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304, 6-2-314 or 6-2-315, which convictions resulted from charges separately brought and which arose out of separate occurrences in this state or elsewhere and which convictions were for offenses committed after the actor reached the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

6-2-307. Evidence of marriage as defense.

(a) The fact that the actor and the victim are married to each other is not by itself a defense to a violation of W.S. 6-2-302(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) or 6-2-303(a)(i), (ii), (iii), (vi) or (vii).

(b) Consent of the victim is not a defense to a violation of W.S. 6-2-303(a)(vii) or 6-2-304(a)(iii).

6-2-308. Criminality of conduct; victim's age.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, if criminality of conduct in this article depends on a victim being under sixteen (16) years of age, it is an affirmative defense that the actor reasonably believed that the victim was sixteen (16) years of age or older.

(b) If criminality of conduct in this article depends upon a victim being under twelve (12) years or under fourteen (14) years, it is no defense that the actor did not know the victim's age, or that he reasonably believed that the victim was twelve (12) years or fourteen (14) years of age or older, as applicable.

6-2-309. Medical examination of victim; costs; use of report; minors; rights of victims; reimbursement.

(a) A law enforcement agency receiving a report of a sexual assault may, with the victim's consent, arrange for an

examination of the victim by a licensed health care provider acting within the scope of the provider's practice. The examination may include a medical examination and treatment, evidence collection and evaluation, and appropriate referrals for follow-up treatment and services. Upon consent of the victim to release of the results of the examination, the evidence, record and reports shall be delivered to the law enforcement agency.

(b) Repealed By Laws 2006, Chapter 77, § 2.

(c) Repealed by Laws 1991, ch. 130, § 2.

(d) Repealed By Laws 2006, Chapter 77, § 2.

(e) If a report of a sexual assault is received from a minor victim, and the parents or guardian of the minor cannot be located promptly with diligent effort, the examination provided for by subsection (a) of this section may be conducted with the minor's consent. If a report of a sexual assault is received alleging a minor as the victim and a parent or guardian is the suspected perpetrator, the parent or guardian who is the suspected perpetrator shall not be notified pursuant to this section.

(f) Repealed By Laws 2006, Chapter 77, § 2.

(g) Except as provided by subsection (j) of this section, the costs of any examination relating to the investigation or prosecution of a sexual assault shall be billed to and paid by the victim services division of the office of the attorney general contingent upon available funding. The victim services division shall promulgate any rules necessary to effectuate payments required under this subsection. If victim services division funds are no longer available to meet the purposes of this subsection, the cost of any examination relating to the investigation or prosecution of sexual assault shall be billed to and paid by the investigating law enforcement agency. These examination costs shall include the following:

(i) The cost of gathering evidence; and

(ii) Any other examinations authorized by law enforcement to aid in the investigation and prosecution of the sexual assault.

(h) Except as provided by subsection (j) of this section, any examination costs directly incurred by a sexual assault victim that are not covered by subsection (g) of this section, or other collateral source, shall be submitted to the victim services division within the office of the attorney general for determination of eligibility for payment from the crime victims compensation account established by W.S. 1-40-114. All requests for compensation from the account shall be subject to the eligibility guidelines set forth in the Crime Victims Compensation Act, W.S. 1-40-101 through 1-40-119.

(j) A convicted offender of a sexual assault shall be ordered to reimburse any costs incurred under subsections (g) and (h) of this section and any other costs incurred as a direct result of the sexual assault.

(k) Each victim reporting a sexual assault shall be informed of the rights enumerated in this section, the victim's rights to informed consent and the victim's rights as a victim of crime. The victim shall also be informed of available medical, legal and advocacy services.

(m) The examinations authorized by this section shall remain confidential healthcare information unless the victim or the victim's parent or legal guardian executes a release of medical information for the purpose of prosecution to the county attorney, the state of Wyoming or any relevant court. However, if the report of sexual assault described in subsection (a) of this section results in the filing against any person of a criminal charge, or the filing of a petition alleging a delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult, the written report disclosing the results of an examination made pursuant to this section shall be made available to the person charged or his counsel upon demand.

(n) No evidence collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be destroyed until all applicable statutes of limitation have expired or a court orders the destruction.

6-2-310. Repealed By Laws 2009, Ch. 18, § 2.

6-2-311. Corroboration unnecessary.

Corroboration of a victim's testimony is not necessary to obtain a conviction for sexual assault.

6-2-312. Evidence of victim's prior sexual conduct or reputation; procedure for introduction.

(a) In any prosecution under this article or for any lesser included offense, if evidence of the prior sexual conduct of the victim, reputation evidence or opinion evidence as to the character of the victim is to be offered the following procedure shall be used:

(i) A written motion shall be made by the defendant to the court at least ten (10) days prior to the trial stating that the defense has an offer of proof of the relevancy of evidence of the sexual conduct of the victim and its relevancy to the defense;

(ii) The written motion shall be accompanied by affidavits in which the offer of proof is stated;

(iii) If the court finds the offer of proof sufficient, the court shall order a hearing in chambers, and at the hearing allow the questioning of the victim regarding the offer of proof made by the defendant and other pertinent evidence;

(iv) At the conclusion of the hearing, if the court finds that the probative value of the evidence substantially outweighs the probability that its admission will create prejudice, the evidence shall be admissible pursuant to this section. The court may make an order stating what evidence may be introduced by the defendant, which order may include the nature of the questions to be permitted.

(b) This section does not limit the introduction of evidence as to prior sexual conduct of the victim with the actor.

(c) Any motion or affidavit submitted pursuant to this section is privileged information and shall not be released or made available for public use or scrutiny in any manner, including posttrial proceedings.

6-2-313. Sexual battery.

(a) Except under circumstances constituting a violation of W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304, 6-2-314 through 6-2-317 or 6-2-502, an actor who unlawfully subjects another person to any sexual contact is guilty of sexual battery.

(b) Sexual battery is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

6-2-314. Sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree; penalties.

(a) An actor commits the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree if:

(i) Being sixteen (16) years of age or older, the actor inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim who is less than thirteen (13) years of age;

(ii) Being eighteen (18) years of age or older, the actor inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim who is less than eighteen (18) years of age, and the actor is the victim's legal guardian or an individual specified in W.S. 6-4-402;

(iii) Being eighteen (18) years of age or older, the actor inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim who is less than sixteen (16) years of age and the actor occupies a position of authority in relation to the victim.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person convicted under subsection (a) of this section is subject to imprisonment for not more than fifty (50) years, unless the person convicted qualifies under W.S. 6-2-306(e).

(c) A person convicted under paragraph (a)(i) of this section, where the actor is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, is subject to imprisonment for not less than twenty-five (25) years nor more than fifty (50) years, unless the person convicted qualified under W.S. 6-2-306(e).

6-2-315. Sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree; penalties.

(a) Except under circumstance constituting sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as defined by W.S. 6-2-314, an actor commits the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree if:

(i) Being seventeen (17) years of age or older, the actor inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim who is thirteen (13)

through fifteen (15) years of age, and the victim is at least four (4) years younger than the actor;

(ii) Being sixteen (16) years of age or older, the actor engages in sexual contact of a victim who is less than thirteen (13) years of age;

(iii) Being eighteen (18) years of age or older, the actor engages in sexual contact with a victim who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and the actor is the victim's legal guardian or an individual specified in W.S. 6-4-402; or

(iv) Being eighteen (18) years of age or older, the actor engages in sexual contact with a victim who is less than sixteen (16) years of age and the actor occupies a position of authority in relation to the victim.

(b) A person convicted under subsection (a) of this section is subject to imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years, unless the person convicted qualifies under W.S. 6-2-306(e).

6-2-316. Sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree.

(a) Except under circumstance constituting sexual abuse of a minor in the first or second degree as defined by W.S. 6-2-314 and 6-2-315, an actor commits the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree if:

(i) Being seventeen (17) years of age or older, the actor engages in sexual contact with a victim who is thirteen (13) through fifteen (15) years of age, and the victim is at least four (4) years younger than the actor;

(ii) Being twenty (20) years of age or older, the actor engages in sexual intrusion with a victim who is either sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age, and the victim is at least four (4) years younger than the actor, and the actor occupies a position of authority in relation to the victim;

(iii) Being less than sixteen (16) years of age, the actor inflicts sexual intrusion on a victim who is less than thirteen (13) years of age, and the victim is at least three (3) years younger than the actor; or

(iv) Being seventeen (17) years of age or older, the actor knowingly takes immodest, immoral or indecent liberties

with a victim who is less than seventeen (17) years of age and the victim is at least four (4) years younger than the actor.

(b) A person convicted under subsection (a) of this section is subject to imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years.

(c) A person charged with violating the provisions of paragraph (a)(iii) of this section shall be subject to the original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, except the matter may be transferred to the district court having jurisdiction of the offense as provided in W.S. 14-6-237.

6-2-317. Sexual abuse of a minor in the fourth degree.

(a) Except under circumstance constituting sexual abuse of a minor in the first, second or third degree as defined by W.S. 6-2-314 through 6-2-316, an actor commits the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the fourth degree if:

(i) Being less than sixteen (16) years of age, the actor engages in sexual contact with a victim who is less than thirteen (13) years of age, and the victim is at least three (3) years younger than the actor; or

(ii) Being twenty (20) years of age or older, the actor engages in sexual contact with a victim who is either sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age, and the victim is at least four (4) years younger than the actor, and the actor occupies a position of authority in relation to the victim.

(b) A person convicted under subsection (a) of this section is subject to imprisonment for not more than five (5) years.

(c) A person charged with violating the provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of this section shall be subject to the original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, except the matter may be transferred to the district court having jurisdiction of the offense as provided in W.S. 14-6-237.

6-2-318. Soliciting to engage in illicit sexual relations; penalty.

Except under circumstances constituting sexual assault in the first, second or third degree as defined by W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304, or sexual abuse of a minor in the first, second, third

or fourth degree as defined by W.S. 6-2-314 through 6-2-317, anyone who has reached the age of majority and who solicits, procures or knowingly encourages anyone less than the age of fourteen (14) years, or a person purported to be less than the age of fourteen (14) years, to engage in sexual intrusion as defined in W.S. 6-2-301 is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for a term of not more than five (5) years.

6-2-319. Names not to be released; restrictions on disclosures or publication of information; violations; penalties.

(a) Prior to the filing of an information or indictment in district court charging a violation of an offense under this article, neither the names of the alleged actor or the victim of the charged offense nor any other information reasonably likely to disclose the identities of the parties shall be released or negligently allowed to be released to the public by any public employee except as authorized by the judge with jurisdiction over the criminal charges. The actor's name may be released to the public to aid or facilitate an arrest. This subsection shall not apply if release of the name or information is necessary to enforce an order for protection against the alleged actor.

(b) After the filing of an information or indictment in district court and absent a request to release the identity of a minor victim by the minor or another acting on behalf of a minor victim, the trial court shall, to the extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor victim, restrict the disclosure of the name of the minor victim, unless the name has been publicly disclosed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor or by law enforcement in an effort to find the victim. The trial court may, to the extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor victim, restrict disclosure of the information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.

(c) Any person who willfully violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

(d) A release of a name or other information to the public in violation of the proscriptions of this section shall not stand as a bar to the prosecution of a defendant nor be grounds for dismissal of any charges against a defendant.

(e) As used in this section "minor victim" means a person less than the age of eighteen (18) years.

6-2-320. Prohibited access to school facilities by adult sex offenders; exceptions; penalties; definitions.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to W.S. 7-19-302 shall:

(i) Be upon or remain on the premises of any school building or school grounds in this state, or upon other properties owned or leased by a school when the registered offender has reason to believe children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present and are involved in a school activity or when children are present within thirty (30) minutes before or after a scheduled school activity;

(ii) Knowingly loiter on a public way within one thousand (1,000) feet from the property line of school grounds in this state, including other properties owned or leased by a school when children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present and are involved in a school activity or when children are present within thirty (30) minutes before or after a scheduled school activity;

(iii) Be in any vehicle owned or leased by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity when children under the age of eighteen (18) years are present in the vehicle;

(iv) Reside within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property on which a school is located, measured from the nearest point of the exterior wall of the registered offender's dwelling unit to the school's property line, except that this paragraph shall not apply if the registered offender's residence was established prior to July 1, 2010.

(b) The provisions of paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) shall not apply to the extent the registered offender:

(i) Is a student in attendance at the school;

(ii) With the written permission of the school principal, vice-principal or person with equivalent authority,

is attending an academic conference or other scheduled extracurricular school event with school officials present when the registered offender is a parent or legal guardian of a child who is participating in the conference or extracurricular event;

(iii) Resides at a state licensed or certified facility for incarceration, health or convalescent care that is within one thousand (1,000) feet from the property on which a school is located;

(iv) Is dropping off or picking up a child and the registered offender is the child's parent or legal guardian;

(v) Is temporarily on school grounds during school hours for the purpose of making a mail, food or other delivery;

(vi) Is exercising his right to vote in a public election;

(vii) Is taking delivery of his mail through an official post office located on school grounds;

(viii) Has written permission from the school principal, vice-principal, or person with equivalent authority, to be on the school grounds or upon other property that is used by a school; or

(ix) Stays at a homeless shelter or resides at a recovery facility that is within one thousand (1,000) feet from the property on which a school is located if such shelter or facility has been approved for sex offenders by the sheriff or police chief.

(c) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent a school district from adopting more stringent safety and security requirements for employees and nonemployees while they are in district facilities or on district properties.

(e) As used in this section:

(i) "Extracurricular event" means any school sponsored activity that is outside the regular curriculum, occurring during or outside regular school hours, including academic, artistic, athletic or recreational activities;

(ii) "Registered offender" means a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to W.S. 7-19-302.

ARTICLE 4
ROBBERY AND BLACKMAIL

6-2-401. Robbery; aggravated robbery; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of robbery if in the course of committing a crime defined by W.S. 6-3-402, he:

(i) Inflicts bodily injury upon another; or

(ii) Threatens another with or intentionally puts him in fear of immediate bodily injury.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, robbery is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years.

(c) Aggravated robbery is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty-five (25) years if in the course of committing the crime of robbery the person:

(i) Intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict serious bodily injury; or

(ii) Uses or exhibits a deadly weapon or a simulated deadly weapon.

(d) As used in this section "in the course of committing the crime" includes the time during which an attempt to commit the crime or in which flight after the attempt or commission occurred.

6-2-402. Blackmail; aggravated blackmail; penalties.

(a) A person commits blackmail if, with the intent to obtain property of another or to compel action or inaction by any person against his will, the person:

(i) Threatens bodily injury or injury to the property of another person; or

(ii) Accuses or threatens to accuse a person of a crime or immoral conduct which would tend to degrade or disgrace the person or subject him to the ridicule or contempt of society.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, blackmail is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years.

(c) A person commits aggravated blackmail, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty-five (25) years if in the course of committing the crime of blackmail the person causes bodily injury to another person.

(d) As used in this section "in the course of committing the crime" includes the time during which an attempt to commit the crime or in which flight after the attempt or commission occurred.

(e) Conduct denoted blackmail in this section constitutes a single offense embracing the separate crimes formerly known as blackmail and extortion.

6-2-403. Intimidation in furtherance of the interests of a criminal street gang.

(a) A person is guilty of intimidation in furtherance of the interests of a criminal street gang if he threatens or intimidates by word or conduct to cause physical injury to another person or damage to the property of another in order to promote, further or assist in the interests of or to cause, induce or solicit another person to participate in a criminal street gang.

(b) Intimidation in furtherance of the interests of a criminal street gang is a high misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to one (1) year, a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

ARTICLE 5
ASSAULT AND BATTERY

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

(a) A person is guilty of simple assault if, having the present ability to do so, he unlawfully attempts to cause bodily injury to another.

(b) A person is guilty of battery if he intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another person by use of physical force.

(c) Simple assault is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

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

(e) Repealed By Laws 2014, Ch. 13, § 3.

(f) Repealed By Laws 2014, Ch. 13, § 3.

(g) A person is guilty of unlawful contact if he:

(i) Touches another person in a rude, insolent or angry manner without intentionally using sufficient physical force to cause bodily injury to another; or

(ii) Recklessly causes bodily injury to another person.

(h) An unlawful contact under subsection (g) of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or both.

6-2-502. Aggravated assault and battery; female genital mutilation; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of aggravated assault and battery if he engages in any of the following:

(i) Causes or attempts to cause serious bodily injury to another intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;

(ii) Attempts to cause, or intentionally or knowingly causes bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon;

(iii) Threatens to use a drawn deadly weapon on another unless reasonably necessary in defense of his person, property or abode or to prevent serious bodily injury to another;

(iv) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a woman whom he knows is pregnant;

(v) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes female genital mutilation to be performed on a person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

(b) Aggravated assault and battery is a felony punishable by imprisonment:

(i) For not more than ten (10) years for violations of paragraphs (a)(i) through (iv) of this section;

(ii) For not less than five (5) years and not more than twenty-five (25) years for violations of paragraph (a)(v) of this section.

(c) It is not a defense in a prosecution under paragraph (a)(v) of this section that a female under eighteen (18) years of age or the parent, guardian or custodian of the female under eighteen (18) years of age consented to the female genital mutilation. Religion, ritual, custom or standard practice shall not be a defense to the offense of female genital mutilation.

6-2-503. Child abuse; penalty.

(a) A person who is not responsible for a child's welfare as defined by W.S. 14-3-202(a)(i), is guilty of child abuse, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, if:

(i) The actor is an adult or is at least six (6) years older than the victim; and

(ii) The actor intentionally or recklessly inflicts upon a child under the age of sixteen (16) years:

(A) Physical injury as defined in W.S.
14-3-202(a)(ii)(B);

(B) Mental injury as defined in W.S.
14-3-202(a)(ii)(A); or

(C) Torture or cruel confinement.

(b) A person is guilty of child abuse, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, if a person responsible for a child's welfare as defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(i) intentionally or recklessly inflicts upon a child under the age of eighteen (18) years:

(i) Physical injury as defined in W.S.
14-3-202(a)(ii)(B), excluding reasonable corporal punishment;

(ii) Mental injury as defined in W.S.
14-3-202(a)(ii)(A); or

(iii) Torture or cruel confinement.

(c) Aggravated child abuse is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty-five (25) years if in the course of committing the crime of child abuse, as defined in subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the person intentionally or recklessly inflicts serious bodily injury upon the victim or the person intentionally inflicts substantial mental or emotional injury upon the victim by the torture or cruel confinement of the victim.

6-2-504. Reckless endangering; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of reckless endangering if he recklessly engages in conduct which places another person in danger of death or serious bodily injury.

(b) Any person who knowingly points a firearm at or in the direction of another, whether or not the person believes the firearm is loaded, is guilty of reckless endangering unless reasonably necessary in defense of his person, property or abode or to prevent serious bodily injury to another or as provided for under W.S. 6-2-602.

(c) Reckless endangering is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year.

6-2-505. Terroristic threats; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of a terroristic threat if he threatens to commit any violent felony with the intent to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation, or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such inconvenience.

(b) A terroristic threat is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years.

6-2-506. Stalking; penalty.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over any period of time evidencing a continuity of purpose;

(ii) "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct, including but not limited to verbal threats, written threats, lewd or obscene statements or images, vandalism or nonconsensual physical contact, directed at a specific person that the defendant knew or should have known would cause:

(A) A reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress;

(B) A reasonable person to suffer substantial fear for their safety or the safety of another person; or

(C) A reasonable person to suffer substantial fear for the destruction of their property.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, a person commits the crime of stalking if, with intent to harass another person, the person engages in a course of conduct reasonably likely to harass that person, including but not limited to any combination of the following:

(i) Communicating, anonymously or otherwise, or causing a communication with another person by verbal,

electronic, mechanical, telegraphic, telephonic or written means in a manner that harasses;

(ii) Following a person, other than within the residence of the defendant;

(iii) Placing a person under surveillance by remaining present outside his or her school, place of employment, vehicle, other place occupied by the person, or residence other than the residence of the defendant; or

(iv) Otherwise engaging in a course of conduct that harasses another person.

(c) This section does not apply to an otherwise lawful demonstration, assembly or picketing.

(d) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, stalking is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both. If a person sentenced under this subsection is placed on probation, the court may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, impose a term of probation exceeding the maximum one (1) year imprisonment, provided the term of probation, including extensions, shall not exceed three (3) years.

(e) A person convicted of stalking under subsection (b) of this section is guilty of felony stalking punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, if:

(i) The act or acts leading to the conviction occurred within five (5) years of the completion of the sentence, including all periods of incarceration, parole and probation, of a prior conviction under this subsection, or under subsection (b) of this section, or under a substantially similar law of another jurisdiction;

(ii) The defendant caused serious bodily harm to the victim or another person in conjunction with committing the offense of stalking;

(iii) The defendant committed the offense of stalking in violation of any condition of probation, parole or bail; or

(iv) The defendant committed the offense of stalking in violation of a temporary or permanent order of protection

issued pursuant to W.S. 7-3-508, 7-3-509, 35-21-104 or 35-21-105 or pursuant to a substantially similar law of another jurisdiction.

(f) An offense under this section may be deemed to have been committed at the place where any:

(i) Act within the course of conduct that constitutes stalking was initiated; or

(ii) Communication within the course of conduct that constitutes stalking was received by the victim then present in Wyoming; or

(iii) Act within the course of conduct that constitutes stalking caused an effect on the victim then present in Wyoming.

(g) An act that indicates a course of conduct but occurs in more than one (1) jurisdiction may be used by any jurisdiction in which the act occurred as evidence of a continuing course of conduct.

6-2-507. Abuse, neglect, abandonment, intimidation or exploitation of a vulnerable adult; penalties.

(a) Except under circumstances constituting a violation of W.S. 6-2-502, a person is guilty of abuse, neglect, abandonment or exploitation of a vulnerable adult if the person intentionally or recklessly abuses, neglects, abandons, intimidates or exploits a vulnerable adult.

(b) Reckless abuse, neglect, abandonment, intimidation or exploitation of a vulnerable adult is a misdemeanor, punishable by not more than one (1) year in jail, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, and registration of the offender's name on the central registry.

(c) Intentional abuse, neglect or abandonment of a vulnerable adult is a felony punishable by not more than ten (10) years in prison, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, and registration of the offender's name on the central registry.

(d) Exploitation of a vulnerable adult is a felony punishable by not more than ten (10) years in prison, a fine of

not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, and registration of the offender's name on the central registry.

(e) As used in this section:

(i) "Abandonment" means as defined in W.S. 35-20-102(a)(i);

(ii) "Abuse" means as defined in W.S. 35-20-102(a)(ii);

(iii) Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 87, § 3.

(iv) "Central registry" means the registry established under W.S. 35-20-115;

(v) "Exploitation" means as defined in W.S. 35-20-102(a)(ix);

(vi) "Neglect" means as defined in W.S. 35-20-102(a)(xi);

(vii) "Vulnerable adult" means as defined in W.S. 35-20-102(a)(xviii).

6-2-508. Assault and battery on corrections or detention officer; penalties; definitions.

(a) A person is guilty of assault and battery on a corrections or detention officer if he recklessly:

(i) Propels any dangerous substance at the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member while the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member is acting in the course of his official duty, or as a result of the corrections officer's, detention officer's or staff member's official duties; or

(ii) Tamper with or alters any item by contaminating the item with any dangerous substance, if the item may be handled or consumed by the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member while the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member is acting in the course of his official duty, or as a result of the corrections officer's, detention officer's or staff member's official duties.

(b) A person is guilty of aggravated assault and battery on a corrections or detention officer if he intentionally or knowingly:

(i) Propels any dangerous substance at the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member while the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member is acting in the course of his official duty, or as a result of the corrections officer's, detention officer's or staff member's official duties; or

(ii) Tampers with or alters any item by contaminating the item with any dangerous substance, if the item may be handled or consumed by the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member while the corrections officer, detention officer or staff member is acting in the course of his official duty, or as a result of the corrections officer's, detention officer's or staff member's official duties.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

(d) A violation of subsection (b) of this section is a felony punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.000), imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both.

(e) A violation of subsection (b) of this section, by a person who knows he has a contagious life threatening disease and who commits the violation with the intent to infect a corrections officer, detention officer or staff member with the contagious life threatening disease, shall result in the enhancement of the sentence entered under subsection (d) of this section by a period of imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years.

(f) As used in this section:

(i) "Dangerous substance" includes, but is not limited to, blood, urine, saliva, vomitus, semen and feces;

(ii) "Corrections officer" means a person who is employed by the department of corrections and works at a department of corrections facility to care for, supervise and control persons in the custody of the department of corrections;

(iii) "Detention officer" means a person who is employed by a county or municipality to care for, supervise and control persons detained in a jail or holding facility and includes a peace officer in the detention setting;

(iv) "Staff member" means:

(A) A department of corrections staff member, or a person employed pursuant to a contract with the department of corrections, who works with, or in the vicinity of, inmates; and

(B) A volunteer authorized by the department of corrections or other entity in charge of a corrections facility to work with, or in the vicinity of, inmates.

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

(a) A person is guilty of strangulation of a household member if he intentionally and knowingly or recklessly causes or attempts to cause bodily injury to a household member by impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood by:

(i) Applying pressure on the throat or neck of the household member; or

(ii) Blocking the nose and mouth of the household member.

(b) Strangulation of a household member is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years.

(c) For purposes of this section, "household member" means as defined in W.S. 35-21-102(a)(iv)(A) through (D), (G) and (H).

6-2-510. Domestic assault.

(a) A household member is guilty of domestic assault if, having the present ability to do so, he unlawfully attempts to cause bodily injury to another household member.

(b) Domestic assault is punishable as follows:

(i) By imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both;

(ii) By imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the person has previously been convicted of domestic assault or if the person has previously been convicted of the following or similar offense against another household member:

- (A) Domestic battery under W.S. 6-2-511;
- (B) Simple assault under W.S. 6-2-501(a);
- (C) Battery under W.S. 6-2-501(b);
- (D) Aggravated assault and battery under W.S. 6-2-502;
- (E) Child abuse under W.S. 6-2-503;
- (F) Reckless endangering under W.S. 6-2-504;
- (G) Unlawful contact under W.S. 6-2-501(g);
- (H) Strangulation of a household member under W.S. 6-2-509;
- (J) Kidnapping under W.S. 6-2-201;
- (K) Felonious restraint under W.S. 6-2-202; or
- (M) False imprisonment under W.S. 6-2-203.

(c) If a person sentenced under paragraph (b)(i) or (ii) of this section is placed on probation, the court may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, impose a term of probation exceeding the maximum one (1) year imprisonment, provided the term of probation, including extensions, shall not exceed three (3) years.

(d) As used in this section:

(i) "Convicted" means a person has been convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or has been found guilty;

(ii) "Household member" means as defined in W.S. 35-21-102;

(iii) "Similar offense" means a substantially similar law of this or any other state, tribe or territory.

6-2-511. Domestic battery.

(a) A household member is guilty of domestic battery if he knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another household member by use of physical force.

(b) Domestic battery is punishable as follows:

(i) By imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both;

(ii) By imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if within the previous five (5) years, the person has been convicted of domestic battery or any of the following or similar offenses against another household member:

- (A) Domestic assault under W.S. 6-2-510;
- (B) Simple assault under W.S. 6-2-501(a);
- (C) Battery under W.S. 6-2-501(b);
- (D) Aggravated assault and battery under W.S. 6-2-502;
- (E) Child abuse under W.S. 6-2-503;
- (F) Reckless endangering under W.S. 6-2-504;
- (G) Unlawful contact under W.S. 6-2-501(g);
- (H) Strangulation of a household member under W.S. 6-2-509;
- (J) Kidnapping under W.S. 6-2-201;
- (K) Felonious restraint under W.S. 6-2-202; or
- (M) False imprisonment under W.S. 6-2-203.

(iii) By imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if within the previous ten (10) years, the person has been convicted of domestic battery two (2) or

more times or has been convicted of domestic battery and any of the following or similar offense against another household member:

- (A) Domestic assault under W.S. 6-2-510;
- (B) Simple assault under W.S. 6-2-501(a);
- (C) Battery under W.S. 6-2-501(b);
- (D) Aggravated assault and battery under W.S. 6-2-502;
- (E) Child abuse under W.S. 6-2-503;
- (F) Reckless endangering under W.S. 6-2-504;
- (G) Unlawful contact under W.S. 6-2-501(g);
- (H) Strangulation of a household member under W.S. 6-2-509;
- (J) Kidnapping under W.S. 6-2-201;
- (K) Felonious restraint under W.S. 6-2-202; or
- (M) False imprisonment under W.S. 6-2-203.

(c) If a person sentenced under paragraph (b)(i) or (ii) of this section is placed on probation, the court may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, impose a term of probation exceeding the maximum imprisonment of one (1) year, provided the term of probation, including extensions, shall not exceed three (3) years.

(d) As used in this section:

(i) "Convicted" means a person has been convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or has been found guilty;

(ii) "Household member" means as defined in W.S. 35-21-102;

(iii) "Similar offense" means a substantially similar law of this or any other state, tribe or territory.

JUSTIFICATION

6-2-601. Applicability of article.

The common law shall govern in all cases not governed by this article.

6-2-602. Use of force in self defense; no duty to retreat.

(a) The use of defensive force whether actual or threatened, is reasonable when it is the defensive force that a reasonable person in like circumstances would judge necessary to prevent an injury or loss, and no more, including deadly force if necessary to prevent imminent death or serious bodily injury to the person employing the deadly force or to another person. As used in this subsection, "necessary to prevent" includes a necessity that arises from an honest belief that the danger exists whether the danger is real or apparent.

(b) A person is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or serious bodily injury to himself or another when using defensive force, including deadly force if:

(i) The intruder against whom the defensive force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered, another's home or habitation or, if that intruder had removed or was attempting to remove another against his will from his home or habitation; and

(ii) The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act was occurring.

(c) The presumption set forth in subsection (b) of this section does not apply if:

(i) The person against whom the defensive force is used has a right to be in or is a lawful resident of the home or habitation, such as an owner, lessee or titleholder, and there is not an injunction for protection from domestic violence or a written pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person;

(ii) The person sought to be removed is a child or grandchild, or is otherwise in the lawful custody or under the lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the defensive force is used; or

(iii) The person against whom the defensive force is used is a peace officer or employee of the Wyoming department of corrections who enters or attempts to enter another's home or habitation in the performance of his official duties.

(d) A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter another's home or habitation is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence.

(e) A person who is attacked in any place where the person is lawfully present shall not have a duty to retreat before using reasonable defensive force pursuant to subsection (a) of this section provided that he is not the initial aggressor and is not engaged in illegal activity.

(f) A person who uses reasonable defensive force as defined by subsection (a) of this section shall not be criminally prosecuted for that use of reasonable defensive force.

(g) As used in this section:

(i) "Habitation" means any structure which is designed or adapted for overnight accommodation, including, but not limited to, buildings, modular units, trailers, campers and tents, but does not include the inmate housing area of a jail, state penal institution or other secure facility under contract with the department of corrections to house inmates;

(ii) "Home" means any occupied residential dwelling place other than the inmate housing area of a jail, state penal institution or other secure facility under contract with the department of corrections to house inmates;

(iii) "Deadly force" means force that is intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily injury.

ARTICLE 7 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

6-2-701. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Benefit" means anything of value;

(ii) "Coercion" means any one (1) or more of the following:

(A) The use or threat of force, abduction, serious harm to or physical restraint against any individual;

(B) The use of a scheme, plan, pattern or fraudulent statement with intent to cause an individual to believe that failure to perform an act will result in serious harm to or physical restraint against any individual;

(C) The abuse or threatened abuse of the law or legal process;

(D) The abuse of a position of power or taking advantage of a position of vulnerability;

(E) Providing a controlled substance to an individual for the purpose of controlling the person's behavior;

(F) Interfering with lawful custody of or access to an individual's children;

(G) The destruction of, taking of or the threat to destroy or take an individual's identification document;

(H) The use of an individual's personal services as security payment or satisfaction for a real or purported debt if:

(I) The reasonable value of the services is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt;

(II) The length of the services is not limited and their nature is not defined;

(III) The principal amount of the debt does not reasonably reflect the value of the items or services for which the debt was incurred; or

(IV) The individual is prevented from acquiring accurate and timely information about the disposition of the debt.

(iii) "Commercial sex act" means any sexual act for which anything of value is given to, promised or received by a person in exchange for the sexual act;

(iv) "Deception" means:

(A) A person's creation or confirmation of an individual's impression of material fact or event which is false and which the person knows or has reason to believe is false, including:

(I) The nature of labor or services to be provided;

(II) The fundamental conditions of labor;
or

(III) The extent to which the individual will be free to leave the individual's place of residence or workplace; and

(B) The promise of a benefit to or performance of a service to an individual which the person does not intend to be delivered or performed.

(v) "Financial harm" means a detrimental position in relation to wealth, property or other monetary benefits that occurs as a result of another person's illegal act including, but not limited to, blackmail, promoting of prostitution or illegal employment contracts;

(vi) "Forced services" means services performed or provided by a person that are obtained or maintained by another person who:

(A) Causes or threatens to cause serious harm to any person;

(B) Physically restrains or threatens to physically restrain another person;

(C) Abuses or threatens to abuse the law or legal process;

(D) Knowingly destroys, conceals, removes or confiscates any actual or purported passport or other

immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of another person;

(E) Engages in blackmail; or

(F) Causes or threatens to cause financial harm to any person.

(vii) "Identification document" includes a passport, driver's license, immigration document, travel document and any other government issued identification document;

(viii) "Labor" means work of economic or financial value;

(ix) "Minor" means any natural person younger than eighteen (18) years of age;

(x) "Pecuniary damage" means all damages which a victim could recover against the defendant in a civil action arising out of the same facts or event, including damages for wrongful death. It does not include punitive damages and damages for pain, suffering, mental anguish and loss of consortium;

(xi) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, joint stock company or any other association or entity, public or private;

(xii) "Restitution" means full or partial payment of pecuniary damage to a victim;

(xiii) "Serious harm" means physical or nonphysical harm or property damage, including, but not limited to, bodily injury as defined in W.S. 6-1-104(a)(i), economic loss as defined in W.S. 1-40-102(a)(v), personal injury as defined in W.S. 1-40-102(a)(vii) or reputational harm sufficient to compel a reasonable person of the same background and in the same circumstance of the victim, to perform or to continue performing labor, a service or a commercial sex act in order to avoid incurring that harm;

(xiv) "Services" means activities resulting from a relationship between a person and the actor in which the person performs activities under the supervision of or for the benefit of the actor. Commercial sexual activity is "services" in this article. Nothing in this definition may be construed to legitimize or legalize prostitution;

(xv) "Victim" means the person alleged to have been subjected to human trafficking;

(xvi) "This act" means W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-710.

6-2-702. Human trafficking in the first degree; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of human trafficking in the first degree when the person intentionally or knowingly recruits, transports, transfers, harbors, receives, provides, obtains, isolates, maintains or entices an individual for the purpose of:

(i) Forced labor or servitude in violation of W.S. 6-2-704;

(ii) Sexual servitude in violation of W.S. 6-2-705;
or

(iii) Sexual servitude of a minor in violation of W.S. 6-2-706.

(b) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-712(a), human trafficking in the first degree is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) nor more than fifty (50) years unless the victim is a minor in which case it is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than fifty (50) years and a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

6-2-703. Human trafficking in the second degree; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of human trafficking in the second degree when the person recklessly recruits, transports, transfers, harbors, receives, provides, obtains, isolates, maintains or entices an individual for the purpose of:

(i) Forced labor or servitude in violation of W.S. 6-2-704;

(ii) Sexual servitude in violation of W.S. 6-2-705;

(iii) Sexual servitude of a minor in violation of W.S. 6-2-706.

(b) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-712(a), human trafficking in the second degree is a felony punishable by

imprisonment for not less than two (2) nor more than twenty (20) years and a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

6-2-704. Forced labor or servitude; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of forced labor or servitude when the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly uses coercion, deception or fraud to compel an individual to provide forced services.

(b) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly compelling forced labor or servitude is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years and a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

6-2-705. Sexual servitude of adult.

(a) A person is guilty of sexual servitude of an adult when the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly uses coercion, deception or fraud to compel an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older to engage in commercial sexual services.

(b) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly compelling the sexual servitude of an adult is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years and a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both.

6-2-706. Sexual servitude of a minor.

(a) A person is guilty of sexual servitude of a minor when the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly offers, obtains, procures or provides an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age to engage in commercial sexual services.

(b) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly compelling the sexual servitude of a minor is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years and a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(c) It is not a defense in a prosecution under this section that the individual consented to engage in commercial sexual services or that the defendant reasonably believed the individual was at least eighteen (18) years of age.

6-2-707. Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude.

(a) A person is guilty of patronizing a victim of sexual servitude when the person pays, agrees to pay or offers to pay anything of value so that the person or another may engage in sexual activity with an individual when the person knows that the individual is a victim of sexual servitude in violation of W.S. 6-2-705 or 6-2-706.

(b) Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude is a felony punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both.

6-2-708. Victim defenses; vacating convictions.

(a) A victim of human trafficking is not criminally liable for any commercial sex act or other criminal acts committed as a direct result of, or incident to, being a victim of human trafficking in violation of W.S. 6-2-702 through 6-2-707.

(b) A victim of human trafficking who is a minor shall be deemed a child in need of supervision in accordance with the Children in Need of Supervision Act or a neglected child in accordance with the Child Protection Act.

(c) At any time after the entry of a conviction, the court in which it was entered may vacate the conviction if the defendant's participation in the offense is found to have been the result of having been a victim. Official documentation of the defendant's status as a victim at the time of the offense from a federal, state or local government agency shall create a presumption that the defendant's participation in the offense was a result of having been a victim, but shall not be required for granting a motion under this section.

6-2-709. Victims' rights; services.

(a) As soon as possible after the initial encounter with a person who reasonably appears to a law enforcement agency, district or county and prosecuting attorneys' office to be a victim of human trafficking, the agency or office shall:

(i) Notify the victim services division within the office of the attorney general that the person may be eligible for services under this article; and

(ii) Make a preliminary assessment of whether the victim or possible victim of human trafficking appears to meet the criteria for certification as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons as defined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 22 U.S.C. section 7105, or appears to be otherwise eligible for any federal, state or local benefits and services. If it is determined that the victim appears to meet such criteria, the agency or office shall report the finding to the victim and shall refer the victim to services available, including legal service providers. If the possible victim is a minor or is a vulnerable adult, the agency or office shall also notify the department of family services.

(b) The attorney general, a district or county and prosecuting attorney or any law enforcement official shall certify in writing to the United States Department of Justice or other federal agency, such as the United States Department of Homeland Security, that an investigation or prosecution under this article has begun and the individual who is a likely victim of a crime described in this article is willing to cooperate or is cooperating with the investigation to enable the individual, if eligible under federal law, to qualify for an appropriate special immigrant visa and to access available federal benefits. Cooperation with law enforcement shall not be required of victims of a crime described in this article who are minors. This certification shall be made available to the victim and the victim's designated legal representative.

(c) Victims of human trafficking under W.S. 6-2-702 through 6-2-706 shall be informed of the rights enumerated in this section, the victim's right to informed consent and the victim's rights as a victim of crime. The victim shall also be informed of available housing, educational, medical, legal and advocacy services.

(d) Victims of human trafficking are entitled to restitution and forms of compensation under the Crime Victims Compensation Act.

(e) In a prosecution for an offense under this article, police and prosecuting agencies shall keep the identity of the victim and the victim's family confidential. The prosecutor shall take reasonable steps to protect the victim and the victim's family from being revictimized.

6-2-710. Restitution.

(a) In addition to any other punishment prescribed by law, upon conviction for felony under this article, the court shall order a defendant to pay mandatory restitution to each victim as determined under W.S. 7-9-103 and 7-9-114.

(b) If the victim of human trafficking to whom restitution has been ordered dies before restitution is paid, any restitution ordered shall be paid to the victim's heir or legal representative provided that the heir or legal representative has not benefited in any way from the trafficking.

(c) The return of the victim of human trafficking to the victim's home country or other absence of the victim from the jurisdiction shall not limit the victim's right to receive restitution pursuant to this section.

6-2-711. Asset forfeiture.

(a) The following are subject to forfeiture as permitted pursuant to subsections (c) through (j) of this section:

(i) All assets subject to the jurisdiction of the court:

(A) Used by a person while engaged in perpetrating a violation of this article;

(B) Affording a person a source of influence over a trafficked individual in violation of this article;

(C) Acquired or maintained by a person with the intent to, and for the purpose of supporting, conducting or concealing an act which violates this article; or

(D) Derived from, involved in or used or intended to be used to commit an act which violates this article.

(ii) All books, records, products and materials which are used or intended for use in violation of this article;

(iii) All conveyances including aircraft, vehicles or vessels, knowingly used or intended for use to transport victims or in any manner to knowingly facilitate transportation of victims for human trafficking in violation of this article are subject to forfeiture, provided:

(A) No conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this section unless the owner or corporate officer is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this article;

(B) No conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this section by reason of any act committed without the knowledge or consent of the owner;

(C) A forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest if the secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act.

(iv) All buildings knowingly used or intended for use to further human trafficking in violation of this article if the owner has knowledge of or gives consent to the act of violation. A forfeiture of property encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest if the secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act;

(v) Any property or other thing of pecuniary value furnished in exchange for human trafficking in violation of this article including any proceeds, assets or other property of any kind traceable to the exchange and any money, securities or other negotiable instruments used to facilitate a violation of this article. Property used or furnished without the consent or knowledge of the owner is not forfeitable under this paragraph to the extent of the owner's interest;

(vi) Overseas assets of persons convicted of human trafficking under this article to the extent they can be retrieved by the state.

(b) Property subject to forfeiture under this article may be seized by any law enforcement officer of the state upon process issued by any district or circuit court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure without process may be made if:

(i) The seizure is incident to an arrest or a search under a search warrant or an inspection under an administrative inspection warrant; or

(ii) The property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the state in a criminal, injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this article.

(c) Any person convicted of a violation of this article which is punishable by imprisonment for more than one (1) year shall be subject to forfeiture of property listed under subsection (a) of this section. The procedure for forfeiture shall be as provided in subsections (d) through (j) of this section.

(d) If the state seeks forfeiture of property:

(i) The indictment or information shall contain notice to the defendant that the state seeks forfeiture and shall specifically identify the property sought to be forfeited;

(ii) All property shall be returned to the legal owner or person from whom it was seized unless there is a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony under this act;

(iii) After a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony under this act is accepted, the court shall conduct a forfeiture hearing to determine if the property is subject to forfeiture under this section. If the court finds under a preponderance of evidence standard that property is subject to forfeiture, the court shall enter a preliminary order directing the forfeiture;

(iv) The court may include in the preliminary order of forfeiture additional conditions reasonably necessary to preserve the property's value pending any appeal.

(e) If the court makes a preliminary order of forfeiture of property, legal interests of persons other than a party to the criminal action shall be determined, subject to the following:

(i) Following an entry of a preliminary order of forfeiture, the state shall publish notice of the order in a newspaper of general circulation in the state once a week for two (2) weeks and shall provide written notice by first class mail to the last known address of any person who, after reasonable inquiry, appears to be a potential owner or lien holder in the property. The notice shall describe the forfeited property and shall advise that parties with a potential interest in the property may contest the forfeiture by filing a petition with the court not later than sixty (60) days after the date of the second published notice or, if notice is mailed under this

paragraph, not later than thirty (30) days after mailing written notice;

(ii) If a third party files a timely response asserting an interest in property subject to a preliminary order of forfeiture, the court shall conduct a hearing. The court may permit the parties to conduct discovery in accordance with the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure if the court determines that discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues. After the hearing, the court shall enter a final order of forfeiture by amending the preliminary order as necessary to account for any third party rights. If no third party files a timely petition, the preliminary order shall become the final order upon expiration of the time for filing a petition;

(iii) If a defendant appeals from a conviction or a preliminary or final order of forfeiture, the court may stay the preliminary or final order of forfeiture on terms appropriate to ensure that the property remains available pending appellate review. A stay shall not delay a hearing or a determination of a third party's rights or interests. If the court rules in favor of any third party while an appeal is pending, the court may amend the order of forfeiture but shall not transfer any property interest to a third party until the decision on appeal becomes final, unless the defendant consents in writing or on the record.

(f) An interest in property belonging to a third party shall not be forfeited to the extent that the third party establishes it has a perfected lien in the property or proves by a preponderance of evidence that he has a perfected security interest in the property or proves he is an innocent owner. For purposes of this subsection:

(i) With respect to a property interest in existence at the time the violation of this article took place, "innocent owner" means a person who held an interest in the property who neither had knowledge of nor consented to the violation;

(ii) With respect to a property interest acquired after the violation of this article has taken place, the term "innocent owner" means a person who, at the time that person acquired the interest in the property:

(A) Was a bona fide purchaser or seller for value or a holder of a bona fide security interest in the property; and

(B) Did not know and was reasonably without cause to believe the property was used in connection with a violation of this article.

(g) Property taken or detained under this section shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of and subject only to the orders and decrees of the court having jurisdiction over the proceedings. When property is seized under this section, the court shall place the property under seal or otherwise assure the property is maintained under conditions reasonably necessary to preserve the property's value or may sell the property for value and hold the proceeds thereof until the forfeiture proceedings have become final as to all parties and all rights of appeal have been exhausted.

(h) A person's interest in property is not subject to forfeiture to the extent that the forfeiture is grossly disproportionate to the gravity of the offense giving rise to the forfeiture. The state shall have the burden of demonstrating by a preponderance of the evidence that a forfeiture is not grossly disproportionate. Proportionality shall be decided by the court as follows:

(i) In determining whether a forfeiture is grossly disproportionate, the court shall consider:

(A) The extent to which the property was used or intended to be used in executing the underlying offense;

(B) The value of the property, including both its fair market and subjective value;

(C) The actions of the person involved in the activity giving rise to the forfeiture proceedings;

(D) The severity of the criminal sanctions associated with the actions of the person;

(E) Whether the property constitutes the person's lawful livelihood or means of earning a living;

(F) Whether the offense or attempted offense has severe collateral consequences; and

(G) Any other factors the court deems necessary and relevant.

(ii) If the court finds the forfeiture is grossly disproportionate to the offense, it shall reduce or eliminate the forfeiture as it finds appropriate.

(j) Within six (6) months after a final order of forfeiture is affirmed on appeal or the deadline to appeal passes without a notice of appeal being filed, the state shall, by public sale or auction, liquidate forfeited tangible property and distribute the total proceeds of the forfeiture as follows:

(i) Costs of forfeiture proceedings and the sale of forfeited property incurred by the state;

(ii) Costs of storing and maintaining the forfeited property incurred by the court;

(iii) The amount necessary to pay court ordered restitution shall be applied to pay that restitution;

(iv) Civil judgments entered against the forfeiting defendant in favor of that defendant's victim, already existing at the time proceeds are received, to the extent that such judgments cannot be satisfied out of the forfeiting defendant's assets;

(v) If a remainder exists, to the public school fund of the respective counties as provided by article 7, section 5 of the Wyoming constitution.

6-2-712. Penalties for subsequent human trafficking convictions.

(a) A person who is convicted of human trafficking under W.S. 6-2-702 or 6-2-703 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than twenty-five (25) years or for life imprisonment without parole if:

(i) The victim in the instant case was a minor;

(ii) The person has one (1) or more previous convictions for a violation of W.S. 6-2-702, 6-2-703 or a criminal statute containing the same or similar elements as the crimes defined by W.S. 6-2-702 or 6-2-703 where the victim was a minor and which arose out of separate occurrences in this state or elsewhere; and

(iii) The convictions were for offenses committed after the person reached eighteen (18) years of age.

CHAPTER 3
OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

ARTICLE 1
ARSON AND RELATED OFFENSES

6-3-101. Arson; first degree; aggravated arson; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of first-degree arson if he maliciously starts a fire or causes an explosion with intent to destroy or damage an occupied structure.

(b) First-degree arson is a felony punishable by:

(i) Imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years;

(ii) A fine of not more than the greater of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or two (2) times the face amount of the insurance if the fire was started to cause collection of insurance for the loss; or

(iii) Both fine and imprisonment.

(c) A person is guilty of aggravated arson if he maliciously starts a fire or causes an explosion with intent to destroy an occupied structure, under circumstances evidencing reckless disregard for human life, and serious bodily injury or death occurs to another person, either at the scene or while in emergency response to the incident.

(d) Aggravated arson is a felony punishable by:

(i) Imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) years;

(ii) A fine of not more than the greater of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or two (2) times the face amount of the insurance if the fire was started to cause collection of insurance for the loss; or

(iii) Both fine and imprisonment.

6-3-102. Arson; second degree; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of second-degree arson if he starts a fire or causes an explosion with intent to destroy or damage any property to cause collection of insurance for the loss.

(b) Second-degree arson is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than two (2) times the face amount of the insurance, or both.

6-3-103. Arson; third degree; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of third-degree arson if he intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion and intentionally, recklessly or with criminal negligence:

(i) Places another in danger of bodily injury; or

(ii) Destroys or damages any property of another which has a value of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or more.

(b) Third-degree arson is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(c) For purposes of this article, "property of another" means a building, or other property, whether real or personal, in which any person or entity other than the offender has an interest, including an insurance or mortgage interest, which the offender has no authority to defeat or impair, even though the offender may also have an interest in the building or property.

6-3-104. Arson; fourth degree; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of fourth-degree arson if he intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion and intentionally, recklessly or with criminal negligence destroys or damages any property of another as defined in W.S. 6-3-103(c) which has a value of less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(b) Fourth-degree arson is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-3-105. Negligently burning grounds; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not

more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he, without permission of the owner and acting with criminal negligence:

(i) Sets fire to any grounds or to anything on any grounds which is the property of another; or

(ii) Allows a fire to pass from the owner's property or grounds to the injury or destruction of any property of another.

6-3-106. Failure to extinguish or contain fire outside; penalty.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) if he, outside of normal agronomic or forestry practices, lights a fire outdoors and leaves the vicinity of the fire without extinguishing it or containing it so it does not spread or conditions are such that the fire is not reasonably likely to spread.

6-3-107. Throwing burning substance from vehicle; penalties.

A person who throws a burning substance from a vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-3-108. Definitions for W.S. 6-3-108 through 6-3-110.

(a) As used in W.S. 6-3-108 through 6-3-110:

(i) "Authorized agency" means any of the following agencies or officials when authorized or required to investigate or prosecute alleged arson:

- (A) The state fire marshal or his designee;
- (B) A county and prosecuting or district attorney;
- (C) The attorney general or his designee;
- (D) A fire department;

(E) A county sheriff's department, the Wyoming state highway patrol or municipal police department;

(F) The federal bureau of investigation or any other federal agency;

(G) The United States attorney's office; and

(H) The state insurance commissioner or his designee.

6-3-109. Information provided by insurers; notice of nonaccidental fires; release of information; immunity.

(a) Upon receipt of a written request from an authorized agency, an insurance company shall release to the authorized agency all information requested by the agency relating to a fire loss. The information may include:

(i) The application for the policy;

(ii) Insurance policy information relevant to the insured;

(iii) Policy premium payment records;

(iv) The insured's history of claims; and

(v) Material from an investigation of the loss, including statements, proof of loss and other relevant information.

(b) An insurance company which has reason to believe a fire loss was caused by other than accident shall notify an authorized agency in writing and upon request shall provide all information developed in the company's inquiry into the fire loss. Notice to any authorized agency is sufficient notice under W.S. 6-3-108 through 6-3-110.

(c) Upon request, an authorized agency may release to any other authorized agency information obtained pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) An insurance company which provided information to an authorized agency pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section may request relevant information from an authorized

agency. Within a reasonable time, the authorized agency may provide the requested information.

(e) Any insurance company or person acting in its behalf or authorized agency who releases information, whether oral or written, is immune from any liability arising out of a civil action or any penalty resulting from a criminal prosecution which occurs incident to the release of the information unless willful misstatement, attempted duress or malice is shown.

6-3-110. Information to be held in confidence.

An authorized agency or insurance company which receives information pursuant to W.S. 6-3-108 through 6-3-110 shall hold the information in confidence except when release is authorized by the source of the information, by W.S. 6-3-108 through 6-3-110 or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

6-3-111. Possession, manufacture, transportation and sale of explosives, improvised explosive device, or incendiary apparatus with unlawful intent prohibited; penalties; definition; exception.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Explosive" means any chemical or mechanical compound, substance or mixture that is commonly used or intended to cause an explosion and which contains any oxidizing and combustive units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities or packing that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion or by detonation of any part of the compound or mixture is likely to cause such a sudden generation of heated gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on nearby objects, or of destroying life or limb;

(ii) "Improvised explosive device" means any device, not commercially manufactured in the ordinary course of interstate commerce, which contains explosives as defined by paragraph (i) of this subsection;

(iii) "Incendiary apparatus" means any fuse, accelerant, time delay ignition apparatus, mechanism, device or material or combination of materials designed, devised or reasonably calculated to cause, spread or accelerate the rate of burning of a fire, or to cause additional damage at or by a fire, or to cause an explosion in connection with a fire;

(iv) The terms "explosive," "improvised explosive device" and "incendiary apparatus" shall be construed to include and refer to any explosive, incendiary, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four (4) ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter (1/4) ounce, mine or similar device containing or represented to contain any poison gas, nerve gas, biological agent or other chemical or substance capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

(b) Any person who possesses, manufactures, transports, sells or delivers to another person any explosive, improvised explosive device, or incendiary apparatus, with the intent unlawfully to endanger the life or physical well being of another, to commit assault or battery or to inflict bodily harm or injury upon the person of another, or with the intent to assist another person to do the same, is guilty of a felony. Upon conviction, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(c) Any person who possesses, manufactures, transports, sells or delivers to another person any explosive, improvised explosive device, or incendiary apparatus, with the intent to cause injury or damage to the property of another as defined in W.S. 6-3-103(c), or with the intent to assist another person to do the same, is guilty of a felony. Upon conviction, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(d) A person is guilty of intimidation by explosive device if he knowingly, and with the intent to threaten, intimidate or terrorize another person, uses any object or material and represents it to be an explosive, improvised explosive device or incendiary apparatus, and thereby places another person in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm. Upon conviction he shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(e) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to apply to any law enforcement officer if performed in the lawful performance of his official duties, nor to any person customarily engaged in the lawful business of manufacture, transportation, sale or use of such materials and devices, if

performed in the ordinary course of business and without the criminal intent described in this section, nor to any person actually and lawfully engaged in demolition activity on a ranch, farm or construction site with the authority of the owner thereof, and acting without the criminal intent described in this section.

6-3-112. Preventing or obstructing extinguishment of fire; interference with firefighter; penalties.

(a) A person who willfully injures, destroys, removes or in any manner interferes with the use of any vehicle, tools, equipment, water supplies, hydrants, towers, buildings, communications facilities, or other instruments or facilities used in the detection, reporting, suppression or extinguishing of fire is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(b) A person who willfully and unreasonably hinders or interferes with a firefighter in the performance of his official duties, or attempts to do so with the intention of interfering with the firefighting effort, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

ARTICLE 2
PROPERTY DESTRUCTION AND DEFACEMENT

6-3-201. Property destruction and defacement; grading; penalties; aggregated costs or values.

(a) A person is guilty of property destruction and defacement if he knowingly defaces, injures or destroys property of another without the owner's consent.

(b) Property destruction and defacement is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the cost of restoring injured property or the value of the property if destroyed is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00);

(ii) Repealed by Laws 1985, ch. 44, § 2.

(iii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the cost of restoring injured property or the value of the property if destroyed is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more.

(c) If a series of injuries results from a single continuing course of conduct, a single violation of this section may be charged and penalties imposed based upon the aggregate cost or value of the property injured or destroyed.

6-3-202. Altering landmarks; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of altering landmarks if, with intent to destroy or deface the mark on a monument, landmark or bearing-tree designating the corner or boundary of a tract of land, he knowingly:

(i) Displaces the monument or landmark;

(ii) Defaces or alters the mark; or

(iii) Breaks, cuts down or removes the monument, landmark or bearing-tree.

(b) Altering landmarks is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-3-203. Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on manner of destruction.

(a) A person commits cruelty to animals if he knowingly:

(i) Overrides an animal or drives an animal when overloaded; or

(ii) Unnecessarily beats or injures an animal; or

(iii) Carries an animal in a manner that poses undue risk of injury or death.

(b) A person commits cruelty to animals if he has the charge and custody of any animal and unnecessarily fails to provide it with the proper food, drink or protection from the weather, or cruelly abandons the animal, or in the case of

immediate, obvious, serious illness or injury, fails to provide the animal with appropriate care.

(c) A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals if he:

(i) Repealed by Laws 1987, ch. 91, § 2.

(ii) Owns, possesses, keeps or trains fowls or dogs with the intent to allow the dog or fowl to engage in an exhibition of fighting with another dog or fowl;

(iii) Repealed by Laws 1987, ch. 91, § 2.

(iv) For gain causes or allows any dog or fowl to fight with another dog or fowl;

(v) Knowingly permits any act prohibited under paragraphs (ii) or (iv) of this subsection on any premises under his charge or control;

(vi) Promotes any act prohibited under paragraphs (ii) or (iv) of this subsection; or

(vii) Shoots, poisons or otherwise intentionally acts to seriously injure or destroy any livestock or domesticated animal owned by another person while the animal is on property where the animal is authorized to be present.

(d) A person shall not destroy an animal by the use of a high-altitude decompression chamber or a carbon monoxide gas chamber utilizing a gasoline engine. This subsection is uniformly applicable to all cities and towns.

(e) Unless punishable under subsection (n) of this section, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both except that a subsequent offense is a high misdemeanor punishable by not more than one (1) year imprisonment, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(f) Nothing in subsection (c) of this section may be construed to prohibit:

(i) The use of dogs in the management of livestock by the owner of the livestock, his employees or agents or other persons in lawful custody of the livestock;

(ii) The use of dogs or raptors in hunting; or

(iii) The training of dogs or raptors or the use of equipment in the training of dogs or raptors for any purpose not prohibited by law;

(iv) Repealed By Laws 2000, Ch. 86, § 2.

(v) Repealed By Laws 2000, Ch. 86, § 2.

(vi) Repealed By Laws 2000, Ch. 86, § 2.

(g) A person commits cruelty to animals if he is knowingly present at any place where an exhibition of fighting of fowls or dogs is occurring for amusement or gain.

(h) If a person convicted of a violation of this section is also the owner of the animal, the court may require the person to forfeit ownership of the animal to the county in which the person is convicted. This subsection shall not affect the interest of any secured party or other person who has not participated in the offense.

(j) In addition to any sentence and penalties imposed under subsections (e), (h) and (n) of this section, the court may:

(i) Require the defendant to pay all reasonable costs incurred in providing necessary food and water, veterinary attention and treatment for any animal affected; and

(ii) Prohibit or limit the defendant's ownership, possession or custody of animals, as the court deems appropriate.

(k) Each animal affected by the defendant's conduct may constitute a separate count for the purposes of prosecution, conviction, sentencing and penalties under this section.

(m) Nothing in subsection (a), (b), (c) (vii) or (n) of this section shall be construed to prohibit:

(i) A person from humanely destroying an animal, including livestock;

(ii) The use of industry accepted agricultural and livestock practices on livestock or other animal used in the practice of agriculture;

(iii) Rodeo events, whether the event is performed in a rodeo, fair, jackpot, agricultural exhibition or otherwise; or

(iv) The hunting, capture, killing or destruction of any predatory animal or other wildlife in any manner not otherwise prohibited by law.

(n) A person commits a felony punishable by not more than two (2) years imprisonment, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or both, if the person:

(i) Commits aggravated cruelty to animals as defined in subsection (c) of this section, resulting in the death or required euthanasia of the animal; or

(ii) Knowingly, and with intent to cause death or undue suffering, cruelly beats, tortures, torments or mutilates an animal.

(o) There is created the "cruelty to household pet animals protection account." Funds shall be credited to the account as provided by law. Funds in the account are continuously appropriated to the attorney general to reimburse county law enforcement agencies for eligible expenses regarding household pet animal cruelty cases under subsection (p) of this section. The attorney general shall develop rules and regulations to establish eligible expenses and to determine how county law enforcement agencies will be reimbursed for the costs of any household pet animal cruelty case, in an amount not to exceed ninety percent (90%) in any particular case. Any reimbursement under this subsection shall be contingent upon available funding and upon a showing that the agency has made reasonable efforts to seek reimbursement from the offender of expenses incurred by the agency, as permitted by law. All funds in the account may be used for and are continuously appropriated for eligible expenses authorized to be made under this subsection. The cruelty to household pet animals protection account shall be a permanent, nonreversion account within the state auditor's office. As used in this subsection and subsection (p) of this section, "household pet" means any privately owned dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, hamster, mouse, gerbil, ferret, bird, fish, reptile, amphibian, invertebrate or any other species of domesticated animal sold, transferred or retained for the

purpose of being kept as a pet in or near a house. "Household pet" shall not include any livestock as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a) (xvi).

(p) A person commits household pet animal cruelty if he:

(i) Keeps any household pet in a manner that results in chronic or repeated serious physical harm to the household pet; or

(ii) Keeps the household pet confined in conditions which constitute a public health hazard.

6-3-204. Littering; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of littering if he places, throws, scatters or deposits garbage, debris, refuse or waste material, objects or substances, including abandoned or junked vehicles, upon the property of another. Operators of motor vehicles are responsible under this section for the disposition or ejection of garbage, debris or other material from the vehicle while the vehicle is being operated on the roads or highways of this state.

(b) This section does not apply to discharges which are regulated, controlled or limited by air, land or water quality laws or regulations.

(c) Littering is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both. Littering, involving the disposal of a container with body fluids along a highway right of way, is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than nine (9) months, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both. The court may suspend all or a part of a sentence imposed under this section and require the person convicted of littering to perform up to forty (40) hours of labor in the form of cleaning litter debris from public roads, parks or other public areas or facilities.

(d) In addition to any other peace officer, game and fish law enforcement personnel qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707 are authorized to enforce the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE 3 BURGLARY AND CRIMINAL INTRUSION

6-3-301. Burglary; aggravated burglary; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of burglary if, without authority, he enters or remains in a building, occupied structure or vehicle, or separately secured or occupied portion thereof, with intent to commit theft or a felony therein.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, burglary is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(c) Aggravated burglary is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty-five (25) years, a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), or both, if, in the course of committing the crime of burglary, the person:

(i) Is or becomes armed with or uses a deadly weapon or a simulated deadly weapon;

(ii) Knowingly or recklessly inflicts bodily injury on anyone; or

(iii) Attempts to inflict bodily injury on anyone.

(d) As used in this section "in the course of committing the crime" includes the time during which an attempt to commit the crime or in which flight after the attempt or commission occurred.

6-3-302. Criminal entry; penalties; affirmative defenses.

(a) A person is guilty of criminal entry if, without authority, he knowingly enters a building, occupied structure, vehicle or cargo portion of a truck or trailer, or a separately secured or occupied portion of those enclosures.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that:

(i) The entry was made because of a mistake of fact or to preserve life or property in an emergency;

(ii) The enclosure was abandoned;

(iii) The enclosure was at the time open to the public and the person complied with all lawful conditions imposed on access to or remaining in the enclosure; or

(iv) The person reasonably believed that the owner of the enclosure, or other person empowered to license access to the enclosure, would have authorized him to enter.

(c) Criminal entry is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-3-303. Criminal trespass; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of criminal trespass if he enters or remains on or in the land or premises of another person, knowing he is not authorized to do so, or after being notified to depart or to not trespass. For purposes of this section, notice is given by:

(i) Personal communication to the person by the owner or occupant, or his agent, or by a peace officer; or

(ii) Posting of signs reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders.

(b) Criminal trespass is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(c) This section does not supersede W.S. 1-21-1003.

6-3-304. Possession of burglar's tools; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of possession of burglar's tools if he possesses an explosive, tool, instrument or other article adapted, designed or commonly used for committing or facilitating the commission of a crime involving forcible entry into buildings or occupied structures with intent to use the article possessed in the commission of such a crime.

(b) Possession of burglar's tools is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both.

6-3-305. Breaking, opening or entering of coin machine with intent to commit theft; penalties.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if he breaks, opens or enters a coin machine with intent to commit theft.

6-3-306. Forcible entry or detainer; penalty.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), if he violently takes or keeps possession of land without authority of law.

6-3-307. Unlawful entry into an occupied structure; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of unlawful entry into an occupied structure if, without authority, he enters or remains in an occupied structure and attempts to commit or commits battery as defined in W.S. 6-2-501 or domestic battery as defined in W.S. 6-2-511.

(b) Unlawful entry into an occupied structure is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(c) As used in this section:

(i) "Occupied structure" means a structure, other than a vehicle, whether or not a person is actually present:

(A) Where any person lives; or

(B) Which is used for overnight accommodation or overnight shelter of persons.

ARTICLE 4

LARCENY AND RELATED OFFENSES

6-3-401. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) Repealed By Laws 2013, Ch. 191, § 3.

(ii) "Deprive" means:

(A) To withhold property of another permanently or for so extended a period as to appropriate a major portion of its economic value or with intent to restore only upon payment of reward or other compensation; or

(B) To dispose of the property so as to make it unlikely that the owner will recover it.

(iii) Repealed by Laws 2019, ch. 186, § 2.

(iv) "Property" means as defined in W.S. 6-1-104(a)(viii) and also includes services;

(v) "Services" includes, but is not limited to, electric, telephone, cable television, gas, water or sewer services.

6-3-402. Theft; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of theft if he knowingly takes, obtains, procures, retains or exercises control over or makes an unauthorized transfer of an interest in the property of another person without authorization or by threat or by deception, or he receives, loans money by pawn or pledge on or disposes of the property of another person that he knew or reasonably should have known was stolen, and he:

(i) Intends to deprive the other person of the use or benefit of the property;

(ii) Knowingly uses, receives, conceals, abandons or disposes of the property in such manner as to deprive the other person of its use or benefit;

(iii) Demands anything of value to which he has no legal claim as a condition for returning or otherwise restoring the property to the other person.

(b) Repealed By Laws 2013, Ch. 191, § 3.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, theft is:

(i) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the value of the property is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more or if the property is a

firearm, horse, mule, sheep, cattle, buffalo or swine regardless of value; or

(ii) Repealed by Laws 1984, ch. 44, § 3.

(iii) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the value of the property is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) Repealed By Laws 2013, Ch. 191, § 3.

(e) Repealed By Laws 2013, Ch. 191, § 3.

(f) Repealed By Laws 2013, Ch. 191, § 3.

(g) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense for theft of motor vehicle fuel offered for retail sale shall have his driver's license suspended pursuant to W.S. 31-7-128(n). The court shall forward to the department of transportation a copy of the record pertaining to disposition of the arrest or citation.

(h) The amount of property involved in violations of this section committed pursuant to a common scheme or the same transaction, whether the property is taken from the same person or different persons, may be aggregated in determining the value of the property.

6-3-403. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-404. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-405. Reasonable detention and interrogation of persons suspected of shoplifting or altering price tag; defense in civil or criminal action.

(a) A peace officer, merchant or merchant's employee who has reasonable cause to believe a person is violating W.S. 6-3-402 with regard to property offered for sale by a wholesale or retail store may detain and interrogate the person in regard to the suspected violation in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable time.

(b) In a civil or criminal action for slander, false arrest, false imprisonment, assault, battery or wrongful

detention based upon a detention and interrogation pursuant to this section, it is a defense that the peace officer, merchant or merchant's employee had reasonable cause to believe the person was violating W.S. 6-3-402 with regard to property offered for sale by a wholesale or retail store and the detention and interrogation were conducted in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable time.

6-3-406. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-407. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-408. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-409. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-410. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-411. Unlawful use of theft detection shielding devices; penalty.

(a) A person commits unlawful use of a theft detection shielding device when he knowingly manufacturers, sells, offers for sale or distributes any laminated or coated bag or device peculiar to shielding and intended to shield merchandise from detection by an electronic or magnetic theft alarm sensor.

(b) A person commits unlawful possession of a theft detection shielding device when he knowingly possesses any laminated or coated bag or device peculiar to and designed for shielding and intended to shield merchandise from detection by an electronic or magnetic theft alarm sensor, with the intent to commit theft.

(c) A person commits unlawful possession of a theft detection device remover when he knowingly possesses any tool or device designed to allow the removal of any theft detection device from any merchandise without the permission of the merchant or person owning or holding the merchandise, with the intent to commit theft.

(d) A person commits the offense of unlawful removal of a theft detection device when he intentionally removes the device from a product prior to purchase without the permission of the merchant or person owning or holding the merchandise.

(e) A person who commits any of the offenses specified under subsections (a) through (d) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-3-412. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-413. Repealed by Laws 2020, ch. 90, § 3.

6-3-414. Trespassing to unlawfully collect resource data; unlawful collection of resource data.

(a) A person is guilty of trespassing to unlawfully collect resource data from private land if he:

(i) Enters onto private land for the purpose of collecting resource data; and

(ii) Does not have:

(A) An ownership interest in the real property or, statutory, contractual or other legal authorization to enter the private land to collect the specified resource data; or

(B) Written or verbal permission of the owner, lessee or agent of the owner to enter the private land to collect the specified resource data.

(b) A person is guilty of unlawfully collecting resource data if he enters onto private land and collects resource data from private land without:

(i) An ownership interest in the real property or, statutory, contractual or other legal authorization to enter the private land to collect the specified resource data; or

(ii) Written or verbal permission of the owner, lessee or agent of the owner to enter the private land to collect the specified resource data.

(c) A person is guilty of trespassing to access adjacent or proximate land if he:

(i) Crosses private land to access adjacent or proximate land where he collects resource data; and

(ii) Does not have:

(A) An ownership interest in the real property or, statutory, contractual or other legal authorization to cross the private land; or

(B) Written or verbal permission of the owner, lessee or agent of the owner to cross the private land.

(d) Crimes committed under subsection (a), (b) or (c) of this section are punishable as follows:

(i) By imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both;

(ii) By imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if the person has previously been convicted of trespassing to unlawfully collect resource data or unlawfully collecting resource data.

(e) As used in this section:

(i) "Collect" means to take a sample of material, acquire, gather, photograph or otherwise preserve information in any form and the recording of a legal description or geographical coordinates of the location of the collection;

(ii) Repealed by Laws 2016, Ch. 117, § 2.

(iii) "Peace officer" means as defined by W.S. 7-2-101;

(iv) "Resource data" means data relating to land or land use, including but not limited to data regarding agriculture, minerals, geology, history, cultural artifacts, archeology, air, water, soil, conservation, habitat, vegetation or animal species. "Resource data" does not include data:

(A) For surveying to determine property boundaries or the location of survey monuments;

(B) Used by a state or local governmental entity to assess property values;

(C) Collected or intended to be collected by a peace officer while engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties.

(f) No resource data collected on private land in violation of this section is admissible in evidence in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding, other than a prosecution for violation of this section or a civil action against the violator.

(g) Resource data collected on private land in violation of this section in the possession of any governmental entity as defined by W.S. 1-39-103(a)(i) shall be expunged by the entity from all files and data bases, and it shall not be considered in determining any agency action.

ARTICLE 5 COMPUTER CRIMES

6-3-501. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Access" means to approach, instruct, communicate with, store data in, retrieve data from, or otherwise make use of any resources of a computer, computer system or computer network;

(ii) "Computer" means an internally programmed, automatic device which performs data processing;

(iii) "Computer network" means a set of related, remotely connected devices and communication facilities including more than one (1) computer system with capability to transmit data among them through communication facilities;

(iv) "Computer program" means an ordered set of data representing coded instructions or statements which when executed by a computer cause the computer to process data;

(v) "Computer software" means a set of computer programs, procedures and associated documentation concerned with the operation of a computer system;

(vi) "Computer system" means a set of related, connected or unconnected, computer equipment, devices or computer software;

(vii) "Computer system services" means providing a computer system or computer network to perform useful work;

(viii) "Financial instrument" means a check, draft, money order, certificate of deposit, letter of credit, bill of exchange, credit card or marketable security;

(ix) "Intellectual property" means data, including programs;

(x) "Property" includes financial instruments, information, electronically produced data, computer software and programs in machine-readable or human-readable form;

(xi) "Trade secret" means the whole or a portion or phase of a formula, pattern, device, combination of devices or compilation of information which is for use, or is used in the operation of a business and which provides the business an advantage or an opportunity to obtain an advantage over those who do not know or use it. "Trade secret" includes any scientific, technical or commercial information including any design, process, procedure, list of suppliers, list of customers, business code or improvement thereof. Irrespective of novelty, invention, patentability, the state of the prior art and the level of skill in the business, art or field to which the subject matter pertains, when the owner of a trade secret takes measures to prevent it from becoming available to persons other than those selected by the owner to have access to it for limited purposes, the trade secret is considered to be:

(A) Secret;

(B) Of value;

(C) For use or in use by the business; and

(D) Providing an advantage or an opportunity to obtain an advantage to the business over those who do not know or use it.

6-3-502. Crimes against intellectual property; penalties.

(a) A person commits a crime against intellectual property if he knowingly and without authorization:

(i) Modifies data, programs or supporting documentation residing or existing internal or external to a computer, computer system or computer network;

(ii) Destroys data, programs or supporting documentation residing or existing internal or external to a computer, computer system or computer network;

(iii) Discloses or takes data, programs, or supporting documentation having a value of more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and which is a trade secret or is confidential, as provided by law, residing or existing internal or external to a computer, computer system or computer network.

(b) A crime against intellectual property is:

(i) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both, except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the crime is committed with the intention of devising or executing a scheme or artifice to defraud or to obtain property.

6-3-503. Crimes against computer equipment or supplies; interruption or impairment of governmental operations or public services; penalties.

(a) A person commits a crime against computer equipment or supplies if he knowingly and without authorization, modifies equipment or supplies used or intended to be used in a computer, computer system or computer network. A crime against computer equipment or supplies is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the crime is committed with

the intention of devising or executing a scheme or artifice to defraud or to obtain property.

(b) A person who knowingly and without authorization destroys, injures or damages a computer, computer system or computer network and thereby interrupts or impairs governmental operations or public communication, transportation or supplies of water, gas or other public service, is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both.

6-3-504. Crimes against computer users; penalties.

(a) A person commits a crime against computer users if he knowingly and without authorization:

(i) Accesses a computer, computer system or computer network;

(ii) Denies computer system services to an authorized user of the computer system services which, in whole or part, are owned by, under contract to, or operated for, on behalf of, or in conjunction with another.

(b) A crime against computer users is:

(i) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the crime is committed with the intention of devising or executing a scheme or artifice to defraud or to obtain property.

6-3-505. This article not exclusive.

This article shall not preclude the application of any other provision of the criminal law of this state which applies, or may apply, to any violation of this article, unless the provision is inconsistent with this article.

6-3-506. Computer trespass; penalties.

(a) A person commits a computer trespass if he knowingly, with intent to damage or cause the malfunction of the operation of a computer, computer system or computer network and without authorization transfers or sends electronically into a computer, computer system or computer network or causes to be transferred or sent electronically into a computer, computer system or computer network any malware, or other data, program or other information which alters, damages or causes the malfunction of the operation of the computer, computer system or computer network or which causes the computer, computer system or computer network to disseminate sensitive information.

(b) A computer trespass is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the resulting damages are less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00);

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the resulting damages are ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more.

(c) Common carriers, internet service providers or other persons who supply the internet services over which the content is delivered shall not be prosecuted for violations under this section resulting from the acts of another.

(d) For purposes of this section, "malware" means, but is not limited to, viruses, worms, trojan horses, rootkits, keyloggers, backdoors, dialers, ransomware, spyware, adware, malicious browser helper objects, rogue security software and other malicious programs used or designed to disrupt a computer operation, gather sensitive information, steal sensitive information or otherwise gain unauthorized access to a computer, computer system or computer network.

6-3-507. Computer extortion; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of computer extortion if he knowingly and without authorization introduces, attempts to introduce or directs or induces another to introduce, any ransomware into a computer, computer system or computer network which requires the payment of money or other consideration to remove the ransomware or repair the damage caused to the computer, computer system or computer network by the ransomware.

(b) Computer extortion is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(c) For purposes of this section:

(i) "Computer or data contaminant" means any virus, worm or other similar computer program designed to encrypt, modify, damage, destroy, record or transmit information within a computer, computer system or computer network;

(ii) "Ransomware" means a computer or data contaminant, encryption or lock that restricts an owner's access to a computer, computer data, computer system or computer network in any way. "Ransomware" does not include authentication required to upgrade or access purchased content.

ARTICLE 6
FRAUD

6-3-601. "Writing" defined.

As used in this article "writing" means printing or any other method of recording information, money, coins, tokens, stamps, seals, credit cards, badges, trademarks, and other symbols of value, right, privilege or identification.

6-3-602. Forgery; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of forgery if, with intent to defraud, he:

(i) Alters any writing of another without authority;

(ii) Makes, completes, executes, authenticates, issues or transfers any writing so that it purports to be the act of another who did not authorize that act, or to have been executed at a time or place or in a numbered sequence other than was in fact the case, or to be a copy of an original when no such original existed; or

(iii) Utters any writing which he knows to be forged in a manner specified in paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this subsection.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, forgery is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(c) Forgery is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the writing is a:

(i) Permit required by W.S. 11-21-102 through 11-21-104; or

(ii) Number or check number placed on a car or pit car in or about a mine.

6-3-603. Possession of forged writings and forgery devices; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if he:

(i) Possesses a writing knowing it is forged in a manner specified in W.S. 6-3-602(a)(i) or (ii) and intending to utter or pass it to defraud another person;

(ii) With intent to commit forgery, makes or knowingly possesses a die, plate, apparatus, paper, metal, machine or other thing used to forge writings.

6-3-604. Fraud against testamentary instruments and government records; penalties; "government record" defined.

(a) A person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if he fraudulently steals, alters, defaces, destroys or secretes:

(i) An executed will, codicil or other testamentary instrument; or

(ii) A part or all of a government record.

(b) As used in this section, "government record" means a record, record book, docket or journal which is authorized by law or belongs or pertains to, or is filed with, a court of record, a circuit court or any governmental office or officer.

6-3-605. Operation of coin machine by slug or without required legal tender; manufacture or distribution of slugs; penalties; "slug" defined.

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if knowingly and without authorization, he:

(i) Operates a coin machine by use of a slug;

(ii) Obtains property or services from a coin machine without depositing the amount of legal tender required by the owner of the coin machine for the property or service.

(b) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he manufactures or distributes slugs knowing or reasonably believing they will be used for fraudulent or unlawful purposes.

(c) As used in this section, "slug" means an article or object which can be deposited in a coin machine as an improper substitute for a genuine coin, bill or token.

6-3-606. Impersonation of a peace officer; penalties.

A person is guilty of impersonation of a peace officer if he falsely represents himself to be a peace officer with intent to compel action or inaction by any person against his will. Impersonation of a peace officer is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

6-3-607. Defrauding creditors; penalties.

(a) A mortgagor of property or a debtor who has given a security interest in property is guilty of defrauding creditors if he:

(i) Transfers or conceals the property in derogation of the mortgagee's or secured party's interest with intent to deprive the mortgagee or secured party of his interest;

(ii) Removes the property from the jurisdiction of the district court of the county where the mortgage or security

interest was given with intent to deprive the mortgagee or secured party of his interest and without obtaining the written consent of the mortgagee or secured party prior to the removal; or

(iii) Changes, alters, removes, substitutes, mutilates, covers up or defaces any brand, mark, number, name, letter, character, color or other characteristic used to identify the property with intent to deprive the mortgagee or secured party of his interest.

(b) Defrauding creditors is:

(i) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the mortgagee's or secured party's interest is of a value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more; or

(ii) Repealed by Laws 1984, ch. 44, § 3.

(iii) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the mortgagee's or secured party's interest is of a value of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(c) The amount of the mortgagee's or secured party's interest involved in a violation of this section pursuant to a common scheme or the same transaction, whether from the same or a different mortgagee or secured party, may be aggregated in determining the value of the interest.

6-3-608. Fraudulent use of materials; fraudulent obtaining of money by contractor; penalties.

(a) A contractor or subcontractor who purchases materials on credit and represents that they will be used in a designated building or improvement and who knowingly and with intent to defraud the seller uses the materials or allows them to be used in a building or improvement other than the one designated is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(b) Any contractor who receives money from an owner and provides the owner with an affidavit that all materialmen and

subcontractors have been paid when he knows all materialmen and subcontractors have not been paid is guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to not more than five (5) years in the penitentiary, fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both. Lien waivers signed by all materialmen, subcontractors and laborers are prima facie evidence that monies received from the owner were applied toward construction costs by the contractor.

6-3-609. Sports bribery; definitions; penalties; venue; bonuses not prohibited.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Athletic contest" means a sports event for which an admission fee is charged or in which the participants or officials are compensated;

(ii) "Bribe" means to confer a direct or indirect gift, emolument, money, thing of value, testimonial, privilege, appointment or personal advantage;

(iii) "Official" means a referee, manager, umpire, coach or other official of an athletic club, team, league, association, institution or conference;

(iv) "Participant" means a player in an athletic contest.

(b) A person is guilty of sports bribery if:

(i) He bribes or offers to bribe a participant or official in an athletic contest with the intent to:

(A) Induce a participant to lose or limit the margin of victory or defeat;

(B) Influence an official's decision, opinion or judgment for the purpose of losing or limiting the margin of victory or defeat.

(ii) He is a participant or official in an athletic contest and he:

(A) Accepts or agrees to accept a bribe given with the intentions proscribed in paragraph (i) of this subsection; or

(B) Commits a knowing act of omission or commission with intent to lose or limit the margin of victory or defeat for the purpose of material gain to himself.

(c) Sports bribery is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(d) To convict a person for violating this section it is not necessary that the participant or official be employed, appointed or selected at the time the bribe is conferred, offered or accepted, or that the participant or official actually play or participate.

(e) In prosecutions under this section, venue may be laid in the county where:

(i) The bribe was given, offered or accepted;

(ii) The athletic contest occurred; or

(iii) The acts referred to in this section were committed.

(f) Nothing in this section prohibits the giving or offering of a bonus or extra compensation to a participant or official to encourage a higher degree of skill, ability or diligence in the performance of his duties.

6-3-610. Mislabeled merchandise; penalty.

A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) if, with intent to promote the purchase or sale of a commodity, he knowingly brands, labels, stamps or marks the commodity in a false, misleading or deceptive manner.

6-3-611. False, misleading or deceptive advertising; penalty.

A person who disseminates to the public an advertisement which he knows is false, misleading or deceptive, with intent to promote the purchase or sale of property or the acceptance of employment, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

6-3-612. False written statements to obtain property or credit; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or the amount of the credit sought or obtained, whichever is greater, or by both fine and imprisonment, if he knowingly makes or uses a false written statement of the financial condition of himself or another person with intent that the statement be relied upon to procure the delivery of property, the payment of cash, the making of a loan, the extension of credit, the discount of an account receivable or the making, acceptance, discount, sale or endorsement of a bill of exchange or promissory note for the benefit of himself or another person.

(b) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or the amount of the credit sought or obtained, whichever is greater, or by both fine and imprisonment, if he knowingly makes or uses a false written statement to a pawnbroker with respect to the ownership of property with intent that the statement be relied upon to procure from the pawnbroker the payment of cash, the making of a loan, the extension of credit or the discount of an account receivable for the benefit of himself or another person.

6-3-613. False representations of value of shares, bonds or property; penalties.

A person who knowingly and with intent to defraud makes or publishes, or permits to be made or published, any publication of or concerning the affairs, financial condition or property of a person which contains a statement which is false, exaggerated, or intended to give a less or greater value to the shares, bonds or property of the person than the shares, bonds or property in fact possess is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

6-3-614. Defrauding drug and alcohol screening tests; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of defrauding a drug and alcohol screening test if he:

(i) Manufactures, sells, gives away, distributes or markets synthetic or human substances or other products including, but not limited to urine, in this state or transports synthetic or human substances or other products including, but not limited to urine, into this state with the intent to defraud a drug or alcohol screening test;

(ii) Attempts to foil or defeat a drug or alcohol screening test by the substitution or spiking of a sample with the intent to defraud an alcohol or drug screening test;

(iii) Adulterates a hair follicle sample or a urine or other bodily fluid sample with the intent to defraud a drug or alcohol screening test;

(iv) Possesses adulterants which are intended to be used to adulterate a urine or other bodily fluid sample for the purpose of defrauding a drug or alcohol screening test; or

(v) Sells adulterants which are intended to be used to adulterate a urine or other bodily fluid sample for the purpose of defrauding a drug or alcohol screening test.

(b) Instructions which provide a method for thwarting a drug-screening test and which accompany the sale, giving, distribution or marketing of synthetic or human substances or other products including, but not limited to urine, are prima facie evidence of intent under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) A person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section is guilty of:

(i) A misdemeanor for a first offense and, upon conviction, shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both;

(ii) A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense and, upon conviction, shall be subject to imprisonment for not less than seven (7) days nor more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-3-615. Use of false identity, citizenship or resident alien documents, penalty.

(a) Any person who intentionally uses false documents to conceal his true identity, citizenship or resident alien status

to obtain access to public resources or services is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(b) An official who is presented with any document in connection with an application for a driver's license or Wyoming identification card issued by the Wyoming department of transportation, and who has probable cause to believe that it is a false document in violation of subsection (a) of this section, is authorized to seize and retain the document. Upon seizure, the document shall be delivered to a law enforcement official having jurisdiction to investigate the violation as soon as reasonably possible. If the investigation shows that the document is not a false document, the document shall be returned to the person immediately.

ARTICLE 7
CHECK FRAUD

6-3-701. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Check" means a written unconditional order to pay a sum certain in money drawn on a bank payable on demand and signed by the drawer;

(ii) "Knowingly issues" means issuing a check to obtain property or to pay a debt with intent to defraud or deceive any other person;

(iii) "Drawee" means the bank or purported bank upon which a check is drawn;

(iv) "Drawer" means a person either real or fictitious whose name appears on a check as the primary obligor whether the actual signature is that of himself or of a person authorized to draw the check in his behalf;

(v) "Insufficient funds" means when the drawer issues a check from the drawee and has no checking account with the drawee or has funds or credit in a checking account with the drawee in an amount less than the amount of the check plus the amount of all other checks outstanding at the time of issuance. A check dishonored for "no account", "account closed" or

"nonsufficient funds" shall also be deemed to be dishonored for "insufficient funds";

(vi) "Issue" means make, draw, deliver or pass a check.

6-3-702. Fraud by check; penalties.

(a) Any person who knowingly issues a check which is not paid because the drawer has insufficient funds or credit with the drawee has issued a fraudulent check and commits fraud by check.

(b) Fraud by check is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the fraudulent check was for a sum of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); or

(ii) Repealed by Laws 1984, ch. 44, § 3.

(iii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the fraudulent check was for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, or if the offender is convicted of fraud by check involving two (2) or more checks issued within any sixty (60) day period in the state of Wyoming totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more in the aggregate.

(c) Renumbered as 7-9-112 by Laws 1987, ch. 157, § 3.

6-3-703. Prima facie evidence of intent that check not to be paid; evidence of knowledge of account balance.

(a) Any of the following is prima facie evidence that the person at the time he issued the check or other order for the payment of money intended that it should not be paid:

(i) Proof that at the time of issuance he did not have an account with the drawee;

(ii) Proof that at the time of issuance he did not have sufficient funds with the drawee and that he failed to pay the check or other order within five (5) days after receiving

notice of nonpayment or dishonor, personally given or sent to the address shown on the check or other order; or

(iii) Proof that when presentment was made in a reasonable time the issuer did not have sufficient funds with the drawee and he failed to pay the check or other order within five (5) days after receiving notice of nonpayment or dishonor, personally given or sent to the address shown on the check or other order.

(b) Proof the drawer opened an account with the drawee on a certain date shall be considered evidence of the drawer's knowledge of the account balance on that date.

6-3-704. Acquirer of right to check with insufficient funds may file complaint; deferred prosecution or probation and restitution on checks.

(a) Any person, having acquired rights with respect to a check which is not paid because the drawer has insufficient funds, may file a complaint under this act whether or not he is the payee, holder or bearer of the check.

(b) If deferred prosecution or probation is ordered, the court as a condition of supervision shall require the defendant to make restitution in an amount not to exceed twice the amount of the dishonored check on all checks issued by the defendant which are unpaid as of the date of commencement of the supervision in addition to other terms and conditions appropriate for the treatment or rehabilitation of the defendant.

6-3-705. Liability of drawee for release of information to payee, holder or official; liability of person committing fraud to holder.

(a) A drawee is not civilly or criminally liable for releasing the following information relating to the drawer's account to any payee or holder of a check that has been dishonored for insufficient funds, upon the written request of any payee or holder:

(i) The status of the account, and whether the drawer had sufficient funds or credit with the drawee at the time the check was issued or presented for payment; and

(ii) The current home and business addresses and telephone numbers of the drawer.

(b) A drawee is not civilly or criminally liable for releasing the following information relating to the drawer's account to any law enforcement or prosecuting official or agent thereof who first certifies in writing that he is investigating a complaint against the drawer under this section:

(i) Documents relating to the opening of the account by the drawer;

(ii) Correspondence between the drawer and the drawee relating to the status of the account;

(iii) Periodic statements delivered to the drawer by the drawee for the two (2) periods prior to and subsequent to the issuance of any check which is the subject of such investigation;

(iv) The current home and business addresses and telephone numbers of the drawer; and

(v) Copies of other documents showing examples of signatures of the drawer.

(c) Any person who commits fraud by check is liable to the holder of the check for the sum of the check plus interest, costs of collection and reasonable collection fees.

6-3-706. Bank not liable for release of information on drawer's account after warrant issued.

After a warrant has been issued against a drawer, a bank is not civilly or criminally liable for releasing information relating to the drawer's account to a sheriff, deputy sheriff, under sheriff, police officer, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, deputy prosecuting attorney or authorized investigator or detective for a prosecuting attorney, sheriff's office or police department investigating or prosecuting a charge under this article.

ARTICLE 8
CREDIT CARD FRAUD

6-3-801. "Credit card" defined.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Credit card" means an identification card or device issued by a business organization authorizing the person to whom issued to purchase or obtain property or services on credit.

6-3-802. Unlawful use of credit card; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of unlawful use of a credit card if, with the intent to obtain property or services by fraud, he:

(i) Uses a credit card, or the number or description of a credit card, issued to another person without the consent of that person;

(ii) Uses a credit card which he knows has been revoked, cancelled or expired; or

(iii) Knowingly uses a falsified, mutilated or altered credit card or the number or description thereof.

(b) Unlawful use of a credit card is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if the value of the property or services purchased or obtained is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); or

(ii) Repealed by Laws 1984, ch. 44, § 3.

(iii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if the value of the property or services purchased or obtained in violation of this section within any sixty (60) day period in the state of Wyoming totals one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more in the aggregate.

6-3-803. Unlawful skimming of credit, debit or other electronic payment cards; penalties.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Authorized card user" means any person with the empowerment, permission or competence to act in the usage of any electronic payment card including, but not limited to, a credit

card, charge card, debit card, hotel key card, stored value card or any other card that allows the user to obtain, purchase or receive goods, services, money or anything else of value from a merchant;

(ii) "Electronic payment card" means a credit card, charge card, debit card, hotel key card, stored value card or any other card that is issued to an authorized card user and that allows the user to obtain, purchase or receive goods, services, money or anything else of value from a merchant;

(iii) "Merchant" means an owner or operator of any retail mercantile establishment or his agent, employee, lessee, consignee, officer, director, franchisee or independent contractor who receives from an authorized user of an electronic payment card, or someone the person believes to be an authorized user, an electronic payment card or information from an electronic payment card, or what the person believes to be an electronic payment card or information from an electronic payment card, as the instrument for obtaining, purchasing or receiving goods, services, money or anything else of value from the person;

(iv) "Re-encoder" means an electronic device that places encoded information from the magnetic strip or stripe of an electronic payment card onto the magnetic strip or stripe of a different electronic payment card;

(v) "Scanning device" means a scanner, reader or any other electronic device that is used to access, read, scan, obtain, memorize or store, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on the magnetic strip or stripe of an electronic payment card.

(b) A person is guilty of unlawful skimming if the person uses:

(i) A scanning device to access, read, obtain or memorize, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on the magnetic strip or stripe of an electronic payment card without the permission of the authorized user of the electronic payment card, with the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's electronic payment card or a merchant;

(ii) A re-encoder to place information encoded on the magnetic strip or stripe of an electronic payment card onto the magnetic strip or stripe of a different card without the

permission of the authorized user of the card from which the information is being re-encoded, with the intent to defraud the authorized user, the issuer of the authorized user's electronic payment card or a merchant.

(c) Unlawful skimming is a felony:

(i) Punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, for a first conviction;

(ii) Punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), or both, for a second or subsequent conviction.

ARTICLE 9
THEFT OF IDENTITY

6-3-901. Unauthorized use of personal identifying information; penalties; restitution.

(a) Every person who willfully obtains personal identifying information of another person, and uses that information for any unlawful purpose, including to obtain, or attempt to obtain, credit, goods, services or medical information in the name of the other person without the consent of that person is guilty of theft of identity.

(b) As used in this section "personal identifying information" means the name or any of the following data elements of an individual person:

(i) Address;

(ii) Telephone number;

(iii) Social security number;

(iv) Driver's license number;

(v) Account number, credit card number or debit card number in combination with any security code, access code or password that would allow access to a financial account of the person;

(vi) Tribal identification card;

(vii) Federal or state government issued identification card;

(viii) Shared secrets or security tokens that are known to be used for data based authentication;

(ix) A username or email address, in combination with a password or security question and answer that would permit access to an online account;

(x) A birth or marriage certificate;

(xi) Medical information, meaning a person's medical history, mental or physical condition, or medical treatment or diagnosis by a health care professional;

(xii) Health insurance information, meaning a person's health insurance policy number or subscriber identification number, any unique identifier used by a health insurer to identify the person or information related to a person's application and claims history;

(xiii) Unique biometric data, meaning data generated from measurements or analysis of human body characteristics for authentication purposes;

(xiv) An individual taxpayer identification number.

(c) Theft of identity is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if no economic benefit was gained or was attempted to be gained, or if an economic benefit of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) was gained or was attempted to be gained by the defendant; or

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if an economic benefit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more was gained or was attempted to be gained by the defendant.

(d) If a restitution plan is ordered pursuant to W.S. 7-9-101 through 7-9-115, the court may include, as part of its determination of amount owed pursuant to W.S. 7-9-103, payment for any costs incurred by the victim, including attorney fees,

any costs incurred in clearing the credit history or credit rating of the victim or in connection with any civil or administrative proceeding to satisfy any debt, lien or other obligation of the victim arising as a result of the actions of the defendant.

(e) In any case in which a person willfully obtains personal identifying information of another person, and without the authorization of that person uses that information to commit a crime in addition to a violation of subsection (a) of this section, and is convicted of that crime, the court records shall reflect that the person whose identity was falsely used to commit the crime did not commit the crime.

6-3-902. Unlawful impersonation through electronic means; penalties; definitions; civil remedies.

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both, if he knowingly and without consent intentionally impersonates another person through, or on, an internet website or by other electronic means, including, but not limited to spoofing, and:

(i) Causes or attempts to cause harm;

(ii) Harasses or attempts to harass another person while using false self-identifying information related to the person impersonated; or

(iii) Uses or attempts to use false self-identifying information related to the person impersonated as an unauthorized deceptive means to facilitate contact with another person.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(i) "Electronic means" includes opening an e-mail account or an account or profile on a site transmitted via the internet;

(ii) "Internet" means as defined in W.S. 9-2-1035(a)(iii);

(iii) "Spoofing" means falsifying the name or phone number appearing on caller identification systems.

(c) In addition to any other civil remedy available, a person who suffers damage or loss by reason of a violation of subsection (a) of this section may bring a civil action against the violator for compensatory damages and injunctive relief or other equitable relief.

CHAPTER 4
OFFENSES AGAINST MORALS, DECENCY AND FAMILY

ARTICLE 1
PROSTITUTION

6-4-101. Prostitution; penalties.

Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-710, a person who knowingly or intentionally performs or permits, or offers or agrees to perform or permit an act of sexual intrusion, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vii), for money or other property commits prostitution which is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-4-102. Soliciting an act of prostitution; penalties.

Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-710, a person is guilty of soliciting an act of prostitution if, with the intent that an act of sexual intrusion as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vii) be committed, that person knowingly or intentionally pays, or offers or agrees to pay money or other property to another person under circumstances strongly corroborative of the intention that an act of prostitution be committed. Soliciting an act of prostitution is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-4-103. Promoting prostitution; penalties.

(a) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-710, a person commits a felony if he:

(i) Knowingly or intentionally entices or compels another person to become a prostitute;

(ii) Knowingly or intentionally procures, or offers or agrees to procure, a person for another person for the purpose of prostitution;

(iii) Having control over the use of a place, knowingly or intentionally permits another person to use the place for prostitution; or

(iv) Receives money or other property from a prostitute, without lawful consideration, knowing it was earned in whole or in part from prostitution.

(b) The felony defined by this section is punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both. However, the crime is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, under paragraph (i) of subsection (a) of this section if the person enticed or compelled is under eighteen (18) years of age.

ARTICLE 2
PUBLIC INDECENCY

6-4-201. Public indecency; exception; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of public indecency if, while in a public place where he may reasonably be expected to be viewed by others, he:

(i) Performs an act of sexual intrusion, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vii); or

(ii) Exposes his intimate parts, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(ii), with the intent of arousing the sexual desire of himself or another person; or

(iii) Engages in sexual contact, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vi), with or without consent, with the intent of arousing the sexual desire of himself or another person.

(b) The act of breastfeeding an infant child, including breastfeeding in any place where the woman may legally be, does not constitute public indecency.

(c) Public indecency is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

ARTICLE 3

OBSCENITY

6-4-301. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Disseminate" means to sell, distribute, deliver, provide, exhibit or otherwise make available to another;

(ii) "Material" includes any form of human expression or communication intended for, or capable of, visual, auditory or sensory perception;

(iii) "Obscene" is material which the average person would find:

(A) Applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;

(B) Applying contemporary community standards, depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and

(C) Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

(iv) "Produce or reproduce" means to bring into being regardless of the process or means employed. Undeveloped photographs, films, molds, casts, printing plates and like articles may be obscene notwithstanding that further processing or other acts are necessary to make the obscenity patent or to disseminate or exhibit the obscene material;

(v) "Sexual conduct" means:

(A) Patently offensive representations or descriptions of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;

(B) Sado-masochistic abuse; or

(C) Patently offensive representations or descriptions of masturbation, excretory functions or lewd exhibitions of the genitals.

6-4-302. Promoting obscenity; penalties.

(a) A person commits the crime of promoting obscenity if he:

(i) Produces or reproduces obscene material with the intent of disseminating it;

(ii) Possesses obscene material with the intent of disseminating it; or

(iii) Knowingly disseminates obscene material.

(b) Promoting obscenity is a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction as follows:

(i) If to an adult, by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not to exceed one (1) year, or both;

(ii) If to a minor, for each violation, by a fine not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) or by imprisonment for not to exceed one (1) year, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to any person who may produce, reproduce, possess or disseminate obscene material:

(i) In the course of law enforcement and judicial activities;

(ii) In the course of bona fide school, college, university, museum or public library activities or in the course of employment of such an organization.

6-4-303. Sexual exploitation of children; penalties; definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen (18) years;

(ii) "Child pornography" means any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether or not made or produced by electronic, mechanical or other means, of explicit sexual conduct, where:

(A) The production of the visual depiction involves the use of a child engaging in explicit sexual conduct;

(B) The visual depiction is of explicit sexual conduct involving a child or an individual virtually indistinguishable from a child; or

(C) The visual depiction has been created, adapted or modified to depict explicit sexual conduct involving a child or an individual virtually indistinguishable from a child.

(D) Repealed by Laws 2005, ch. 70, § 2.

(iii) "Explicit sexual conduct" means actual or simulated sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital or oral-anal, between persons of the same or opposite sex, bestiality, masturbation, sadistic or masochistic abuse or lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person;

(iv) "Visual depiction" means developed and undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image.

(b) A person is guilty of sexual exploitation of a child if, for any purpose, he knowingly:

(i) Causes, induces, entices, coerces or permits a child to engage in, or be used for, the making of child pornography;

(ii) Causes, induces, entices or coerces a child to engage in, or be used for, any explicit sexual conduct;

(iii) Manufactures, generates, creates, receives, distributes, reproduces, delivers or possesses with the intent to deliver, including through digital or electronic means, whether or not by computer, any child pornography;

(iv) Possesses child pornography, except that this paragraph shall not apply to:

(A) Peace officers, court personnel or district attorneys engaged in the lawful performance of their official duties;

(B) Physicians, psychologists, therapists or social workers, provided such persons are duly licensed in Wyoming and the persons possess such materials in the course of a bona fide treatment or evaluation program at the treatment or evaluation site; or

(C) Counsel for a person charged under this section.

(c) The sexual exploitation of a child pursuant to paragraphs (b) (i) through (iii) of this section is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twelve (12) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(d) The sexual exploitation of a child by possession of sexually exploitive material pursuant to paragraph (b) (iv) of this section is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(e) A second or subsequent conviction pursuant to paragraphs (b) (i) through (iv) of this section, or of a substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction, is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than seven (7) years nor more than twelve (12) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(f) Any person who is convicted of an offense under this section shall forfeit to the state the person's interest in:

(i) Any visual depiction of a child engaging in explicit sexual conduct in violation of this section, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, possessed or received in violation of this section;

(ii) Any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross proceeds obtained from such offense;

(iii) Any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offense.

6-4-304. Voyeurism; penalties.

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he, without the consent of the person being viewed, commits the crime of voyeurism by looking in a clandestine, surreptitious, prying or secretive nature into an enclosed area where the person being viewed has a reasonable expectation of privacy, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Restrooms;
- (ii) Baths;
- (iii) Showers; or
- (iv) Dressing or fitting rooms.

(b) A person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if he:

(i) Commits the offense specified in subsection (a) of this section by knowingly or intentionally capturing an image by means of a camera, a video camera or any other image recording device; or

(ii) Uses a camera, video camera or any other image recording device for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming or videotaping another person under the clothing being worn by the other person where that other person has not consented to the observing, viewing, photographing, filming or videotaping.

6-4-305. Dissemination or possession of a nude image of a minor by a minor; definitions; penalties.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Disseminate" means to sell, distribute, deliver, provide, publish, transmit, text, email, exhibit or otherwise make available to another person but does not include any action taken to notify a person in a position of authority of the existence of a nude image of a minor;

(ii) "Juvenile detention facility" means as defined in W.S. 7-1-107(b)(i);

(iii) "Minor" means an individual who is under the age of eighteen (18) years;

(iv) "Nude image" means a photograph or video depicting a person's genitalia, perineum, anus or pubic area or the breast of a female. The term does not include a depiction of explicit sexual conduct as defined in W.S. 6-4-303(a)(iii).

(b) A minor is guilty of dissemination or possession of a nude image of a minor in the third degree if he knowingly:

(i) Disseminates a nude image of himself; or

(ii) Possesses a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven (11) years of age unless the minor inadvertently came into possession of the image and took reasonable steps to destroy the image or notify a person in a position of authority of its existence.

(c) A minor is guilty of dissemination of a nude image of a minor in the second degree if he knowingly disseminates a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven (11) years of age.

(d) A minor is guilty of dissemination or possession of a nude image of a minor in the first degree if, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, torment, harass or otherwise cause emotional distress to another minor, the minor:

(i) Disseminates or threatens to disseminate a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven (11) years of age; or

(ii) Captures a nude image of another minor who is at least eleven (11) years of age without the knowledge of the depicted minor.

(e) A minor convicted of violating subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a status offense as defined in W.S. 7-1-107(b)(iii) and may be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(f) A minor convicted of violating subsection (c) or (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by:

(i) For a violation of subsection (c) of this section, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00),

imprisonment in a juvenile detention facility for not more than three (3) months, or both;

(ii) For a violation of subsection (d) of this section, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment in a juvenile detention facility for not more than six (6) months, or both.

ARTICLE 4
OFFENSES AGAINST THE FAMILY

6-4-401. Bigamy; penalties; defense.

(a) A person commits bigamy if, being married and knowing that his spouse is alive, he marries again.

(b) It is a defense that the accused person reasonably believed that he was eligible to remarry.

(c) Bigamy is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-4-402. Incest; penalties; disclosure or publication of identifying information; "minor victim".

(a) A person is guilty of incest if he knowingly commits sexual intrusion, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vii), or sexual contact, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vi), with an ancestor or descendant or a brother or sister of the whole or half blood. The relationships referred to herein include relationships of:

(i) Parent and child by adoption;

(ii) Blood relationships without regard to legitimacy; and

(iii) Stepparent and stepchild.

(b) Incest is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(c) Prior to the filing of an information or indictment charging a violation under this section, neither the name of the person accused or the victim nor any other information reasonably likely to disclose their identity shall be released

or negligently allowed to be released to the public by any public employee, except as authorized by the judge with jurisdiction over the criminal charges. The name of the person accused may be released to the public to aid or facilitate an arrest.

(d) After the filing of an information or indictment and absent a request to release the identity of a minor victim by the victim or another acting on behalf of a minor victim, the trial court shall restrict the disclosure or publication of information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.

(e) Any person who willfully violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section or who willfully neglects or refuses to obey any court order made pursuant thereto is guilty of contempt and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

(f) A release of a name or other information to the public in violation of the proscriptions of subsection (c) or (d) of this section shall not stand as a bar to the prosecution of a defendant nor be grounds for dismissal of any charges against a defendant.

(g) As used in this section, "minor victim" means a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

6-4-403. Abandoning or endangering children; penalties; "child"; disclosure or publication of identifying information; "minor victim".

(a) No parent, guardian or custodian of a child shall:

(i) Abandon the child without just cause; or

(ii) Knowingly or with criminal negligence cause, permit or contribute to the endangering of the child's life or health by violating a duty of care, protection or support.

(b) No person shall knowingly:

(i) Cause, encourage, aid or contribute to a child's violation of any law of this state;

(ii) Cause, encourage, aid or permit a child to enter, remain or be employed in any place or premises used for prostitution or for professional gambling;

(iii) Commit any indecent or obscene act in the presence of a child;

(iv) Sell, give or otherwise furnish a child any drug prohibited by law without a physician's prescription;

(v) Conceal or refuse to reveal to the parent, guardian, lawful custodian or to a peace officer the location of a child knowing that the child has run away from a parent, guardian or lawful custodian, except when the action of the defendant is necessary to protect the child from an immediate danger to the child's welfare; or

(vi) Cause, encourage, aid or contribute to the endangering of a child's health, welfare or morals, by using, employing or permitting a child:

(A) In any business enterprise which is injurious or dangerous to the health, morals, life or physical safety of the child;

(B) In any place for purposes of begging;

(C) To be exhibited for the purpose of displaying any deformity of a child, except to physicians, nurses or other health professionals; or

(D) In a place used for prostitution.

(E) Repealed By Laws 1999, ch. 180, § 3.

(c) A person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both. A person convicted of a second violation of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(d) As used in this section, "child" means a person under the age of sixteen (16) years.

(e) Paragraph (b)(ii) of this section does not apply to crimes chargeable under W.S. 6-4-103(a)(i). Paragraph (b)(iv) of this section does not apply to crimes chargeable under W.S. 35-7-1036.

(f) Prior to the filing of an information or indictment charging a violation of W.S. 6-4-403(b)(ii), (iii) or (vi)(D), neither the name of the person accused or the victim nor any other information reasonably likely to disclose the identity of the victim shall be released or negligently allowed to be released to the public by any public employee, except as authorized by the judge with jurisdiction over the criminal charges. The name of the person accused may be released to the public to aid or facilitate an arrest.

(g) After the filing of an information or indictment and absent a request to release the identity of a minor victim by the victim or another acting on behalf of a minor victim, the trial court shall restrict the disclosure or publication of information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.

(h) Any person who willfully violates subsection (f) or (g) of this section or who willfully neglects or refuses to obey any court order made pursuant thereto is guilty of contempt and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

(j) A release of a name or other information to the public in violation of the proscriptions of subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall not stand as a bar to the prosecution of a defendant or be grounds for dismissal of any charges against a defendant.

(k) As used in subsection (g) of this section, "minor victim" means a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

6-4-404. Violation of domestic violence order of protection; penalty.

(a) Any person who willfully violates a protection order issued pursuant to W.S. 35-21-104 or 35-21-105 or valid injunction or order for protection against domestic violence as defined in W.S. 35-21-109(a), is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(b) Repealed by Laws 2018, ch. 97, § 2.

6-4-405. Endangering children; controlled substances; penalty.

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 6-4-403(b)(iv), no person shall knowingly and willfully cause or permit any child to:

(i) Absorb, inhale or otherwise ingest any amount of methamphetamine;

(ii) Remain in a room, dwelling or vehicle where the person knows methamphetamine is being manufactured or sold; or

(iii) Enter and remain in a room, dwelling or vehicle that the person knows is being used to manufacture or store methamphetamines, or the hazardous waste created by the manufacture of methamphetamines.

(b) No person having the care or custody of a child shall knowingly and willfully permit the child to remain in a room, dwelling or vehicle where that person knows that methamphetamine is possessed, stored or ingested.

(c) Any person who violates any of the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of endangering a child punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-4-406. Permitting house parties where minors are present; exceptions; penalties.

(a) No person who owns, rents, leases, subleases or has control of any residence or premises shall allow a house party to take place at the residence or premises if any alcoholic liquor, malt beverage or drug prohibited by law to be possessed by a minor is possessed or consumed at the residence or premises by any minor and the person knowingly permitted the residence or premises to be used for that purpose.

(b) The provision of this section shall not apply to:

(i) The furnishing or giving of any alcoholic liquor or malt beverage by an adult to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years, if the recipient is the legal ward,

medical patient or member of the immediate family of the adult furnishing or giving the alcoholic liquor or malt beverage;

(ii) The consumption, use or possession of a drug pursuant to a lawful prescription issued for the drug;

(iii) Religious observance or prescribed medical treatment;

(iv) The possession of alcoholic liquor, malt beverage or lawfully prescribed drugs incidental to lawful employment.

(c) Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(d) For purposes of this section:

(i) "Minor" means as defined in W.S. 8-1-102(a)(iii)(B);

(ii) "Premises" includes, but is not limited to, a rented, leased or donated hotel or motel room, a manufactured home or any other public or private facility that is not licensed under chapter 4, title 12 of the Wyoming statutes.

ARTICLE 5 DESECRATING GRAVES AND BODIES

6-4-501. Opening graves and removing bodies; penalty; exception.

(a) A person who opens a grave or tomb and removes a body or remains of a deceased person for any purpose without the knowledge and consent of near relations of the deceased commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

(b) This section does not prohibit exhumation if ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or if performed in accordance with W.S. 7-4-106(c).

6-4-502. Mutilation of dead human bodies; concealing a felony; penalties; exceptions.

(a) Except as provided in this section, a person who dissects or mutilates a dead human body is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(i) The state health officer acting pursuant to W.S. 35-1-241, or a physician or surgeon acting on the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, a coroner or other qualified officer;

(ii) Dissection to determine the cause of death when authorized by the nearest living kin of deceased, a court of competent jurisdiction or other qualified officer;

(iii) Unclaimed dead human bodies delivered by state or county authorities to regularly chartered institutions for scientific research or persons certified by a state or local law enforcement agency to train search and rescue animals;

(iv) The necessary mutilation incident to embalming a dead human body when authorized by nearest living kin, a court of competent jurisdiction or other qualified officer; or

(v) Conduct authorized by the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, W.S. 35-5-201 through 35-5-225.

(c) A person who mutilates a dead human body or disposes of a dead human body in a hidden, undisclosed or transient location in order to conceal a felony offense is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

CHAPTER 5
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 1
OFFENSES BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

6-5-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Government" includes any branch, subdivision or agency of the state of Wyoming or any city, town, county, school district or special district within it;

(ii) "Governmental function" includes any activity which a public servant is legally authorized to undertake on behalf of a government;

(iii) "Harm" means loss, disadvantage or injury;

(iv) "Pecuniary benefit" is benefit in the form of property;

(A) Repealed by Laws 2015, ch. 82, § 2.

(B) Repealed by Laws 2015, ch. 82, § 2.

(C) Repealed by Laws 2015, ch. 82, § 2.

(v) "Public officer" means a person who holds an office which is created or granted authority by the constitution or the legislature and who exercises a portion of the sovereign power of the state;

(vi) "Public servant" means any public officer, employee of government, or any person participating, as juror, witness, advisor, consultant or otherwise, in performing a governmental function.

6-5-102. Bribery; penalties.

(a) A person commits bribery, if:

(i) He offers, confers or agrees to confer any pecuniary benefit, testimonial, privilege or personal advantage upon a public servant as consideration for the public servant's vote, exercise of discretion or other action in his official capacity; or

(ii) While a public servant, he solicits, accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit, testimonial, privilege or personal advantage upon an agreement or understanding that his vote, exercise of discretion or other action as a public servant will thereby be influenced.

(b) Bribery is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-5-103. Compensation for past official behavior; penalties.

(a) A person commits an offense if he solicits, accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit as compensation for having, as a public servant, given a decision or vote favorable to another, or for having otherwise exercised a discretion in his favor, or for having violated his statutory duties. For purposes of this section, "compensation" does not include mere acceptance of an offer of employment.

(b) Compensation for past official behavior is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-5-104. Soliciting unlawful compensation; penalties.

(a) A public servant commits soliciting unlawful compensation if he solicits, accepts or agrees to accept a pecuniary benefit for the performance of an official action knowing that he was required to perform that action without compensation or at a level of compensation lower than that requested.

(b) Soliciting unlawful compensation is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-5-105. Unlawful designation of provider of services or goods; penalties; affirmative defense.

(a) No public servant shall require or direct a bidder or contractor to deal with a particular person in procuring any goods or service required in submitting a bid to or fulfilling a contract with any government.

(b) A provision in an invitation to bid or a contract document which violates this section is against public policy and voidable.

(c) It is an affirmative defense that the defendant was a public servant acting within the scope of his authority exercising the right to reject any material, subcontractor, service, bond or contract tendered by a bidder or contractor because it did not meet bona fide specifications or requirements relating to quality, availability, experience or financial responsibility.

(d) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-5-106. Conflict of interest; penalties; disclosure of interest and withdrawal from participation.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, a public servant commits an offense if he requests or receives any pecuniary benefit, other than lawful compensation, on any contract, or for the letting of any contract, or making any appointment where the government employing or subject to the discretion or decisions of the public servant is concerned.

(b) If any public servant discloses the nature and extent of his pecuniary interest to all parties concerned therewith and does not participate during the considerations and vote thereon and does not attempt to influence any of the parties and does not act for the governing body with respect to the contracts or appointments, then the acts are not unlawful under subsection (a) of this section. Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the operation, administration, inspection or performance of banking and deposit contracts or relationships after the selection of a depository.

(c) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

6-5-107. Official misconduct; penalties.

(a) A public servant commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), if, with intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit or maliciously to cause harm to another, he knowingly:

(i) Commits an act relating to his official duties that the public servant does not have the authority to undertake;

(ii) Refrains from performing a duty imposed upon him by law; or

(iii) Violates any statute relating to his official duties.

(b) A public officer commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) if he intentionally fails to perform a duty in the manner and within the time prescribed by law.

6-5-108. Issuing false certificate; penalties.

(a) A public servant commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if he makes and issues an official certificate or other official written instrument which he is authorized to make and issue containing a statement which he knows to be false with intent to obtain a benefit or maliciously to cause harm to another.

(b) A public servant commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if he makes and issues an official certificate or other official written instrument which he is authorized to make and issue containing a statement which he knows to be false.

6-5-109. Repealed by Laws 1984, ch. 44, § 3.

6-5-110. Wrongful appropriation of public property; penalties.

(a) A public servant who lawfully or unlawfully comes into possession of any property of any government and who, with intent temporarily to deprive the owner of its use and benefit, converts any of the public property to his own use or any use other than the public use authorized by law is guilty of wrongful appropriation of public property.

(b) Wrongful appropriation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to limited use of government property or resources for personal purposes if the use does not interfere with the performance of a governmental function and either the cost or value related to the use is de minimis or the public servant reimburses the government for the cost of the use.

6-5-111. Failure or refusal to account for, deliver or pay over property; penalties.

A public servant who fails or refuses to account for, deliver and pay over property received by virtue of the office, when legally required by the proper person or authority is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-5-112. Mistreating persons in institutions or mental hospital; penalties; no bar to other criminal action.

(a) A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both, if he:

(i) Is an employee of, or is responsible for the care of a person in, a reformatory, penal or charitable institution or a mental hospital and treats him with unnecessary severity, harshness or cruelty; or

(ii) Is an officer required by law to perform an act with regard to persons in a reformatory, penal or charitable institution or a mental hospital and he intentionally refuses or neglects to perform the act.

(b) This section does not bar prosecution, under any other criminal statute, of a person responsible for the care of a person in a reformatory, penal or charitable institution or a mental hospital, even if he also violates this section.

6-5-113. Removal from office after judgment of conviction.

A judgment of conviction rendered under W.S. 6-5-102 through 6-5-112 and 6-5-117 against any public servant, except state elected officials, supreme court justices, district court judges and circuit court judges, shall result in removal from office or discharge from employment.

6-5-114. Notarial officers; issuance of certificate without proper acknowledgment; penalties.

A notarial officer commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he signs and affixes his seal to a certificate of acknowledgment when the party executing the instrument has not first acknowledged the execution of the instrument in the presence of, as defined in W.S. 34-26-101(b)(xxi), the notarial officer, if by law the instrument is required to be recorded or filed and cannot be filed without a certificate of acknowledgment signed and sealed by a notarial officer.

6-5-115. Neglect or refusal of ministerial officer to perform duty in criminal case; unnecessary delay in serving warrant; penalties.

(a) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both, if he is:

(i) A clerk, sheriff, coroner or other ministerial officer who refuses or neglects to perform any duty he is required by law to perform in any criminal case or proceeding; or

(ii) An officer who unnecessarily delays serving a warrant legally issued in any criminal case when it is his duty to execute and in his power to serve the warrant.

6-5-116. Public officer acting before qualifying; penalty.

An elected or appointed public officer or his deputy commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) if he performs any duty of his office without taking and subscribing the oath prescribed by law or before giving and filing the bond required by law. This section shall not apply to training and similar minor preparation for taking office.

6-5-117. Public officer demanding kickback from deputy; penalties.

A public officer who requires a deputy appointed by him to divide or pay back to the officer a part of the deputy's salary

or requires any type of compensation of any form in return for the deputy's continued employment is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-5-118. Conflict of interest; public investments; disclosure required; penalty; definitions.

(a) No public servant who invests public funds for a unit of government, or who has authority to decide how public funds are invested, shall transact any personal business with, receive any pecuniary benefit from or have any financial interest in any entity, other than a governmental entity, unless he has disclosed the benefit or interest in writing to the body of which he is a member or entity for which he is working. Disclosures shall be made annually in a public meeting and shall be made part of the record of proceedings. The public servant shall make the written disclosure prior to investing any public funds in any entity, other than a governmental entity, which:

(i) Provides any services related to investment of funds by that same unit of government; or

(ii) Has a financial interest in any security or other investment made by that unit of government.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(c) The definitions in W.S. 6-5-101 shall apply to this section except "pecuniary benefit" shall also include benefits in the form of services such as, but not limited to, transportation and lodging. As used in this section, "personal business" means any activity that is not a governmental function as defined in W.S. 6-5-101(a)(ii).

ARTICLE 2
HINDERING GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

6-5-201. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Emergency" means a crime or a situation which could result in a public official responding in an authorized emergency vehicle or which could jeopardize public safety and could result in the evacuation of any area, building, structure, vehicle or other place people may enter;

(ii) "Official detention" means arrest, detention in a facility for custody of persons under charge or conviction of crime or alleged or found to be delinquent, detention for extradition or deportation, or detention in any manner and in any place for law enforcement purposes. "Official detention" does not include supervision on probation or parole or constraint incidental to release on bail;

(iii) "Relative" means a grandparent, grandchild, mother, father, husband, wife, sister, brother or child; and

(iv) "Render assistance" means to:

(A) Harbor or conceal the person;

(B) Warn the person of impending discovery or apprehension, excluding an official warning given in an effort to bring the person into compliance with the law;

(C) Provide the person with money, transportation, weapon, disguise or other thing to be used in avoiding discovery or apprehension;

(D) By force, intimidation or deception, obstruct anyone in the performance of any act which might aid in the discovery, detection, apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishment of the person; or

(E) Conceal, destroy or alter any physical evidence that might aid in the discovery, detection, apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishment of the person.

6-5-202. Accessory after the fact; penalties.

(a) A person is an accessory after the fact if, with intent to hinder, delay or prevent the discovery, detection, apprehension, prosecution, detention, conviction or punishment of another for the commission of a crime, he renders assistance to the person.

(b) An accessory after the fact commits:

(i) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both, if the crime is a felony and the person acting as an accessory is not a relative of the person committing the crime;

(ii) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if:

(A) The crime is a felony and the person acting as an accessory is a relative of the person committing the crime;

(B) The crime is a misdemeanor and the person acting as an accessory is not a relative of the person committing the crime; or

(C) The principal is a minor.

(iii) No violation if the crime is a misdemeanor and the person acting as an accessory is a relative of the person committing the crime.

6-5-203. Compounding; penalties.

(a) A person commits compounding if, knowing of the actual commission of a crime or the violation of a statute for which a penalty or forfeiture is prescribed, he takes property or accepts an offer of property upon an agreement or understanding, express or implied, to:

(i) Compound or conceal the crime or violation;

(ii) Abstain from prosecuting the crime or violation;

(iii) Withhold evidence of the crime or violation; or

(iv) Encourage or procure the absence of witnesses or testimony at the examination or trial of the crime or violation.

(b) A person commits compounding of a crime or a violation of a statute for which a penalty or forfeiture is prescribed if he takes property or accepts an offer of property upon an agreement or understanding, express or implied, to:

(i) Compound, discontinue or delay a pending prosecution for the crime or violation;

(ii) Withhold evidence of the crime or violation; or

(iii) Encourage or procure the absence of witnesses or other testimony at the examination or trial of the crime or violation.

(c) Compounding is:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both:

(A) Under subsection (b) of this section;

(B) If a misdemeanor is compounded; or

(C) If a violation of a statute for which a penalty or forfeiture is prescribed is compounded.

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both if a felony punishable by imprisonment is compounded;

(iii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if a felony punishable by death is compounded.

6-5-204. Interference with peace officer; disarming peace officer; penalties.

(a) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if he knowingly obstructs, impedes or interferes with or resists arrest by a peace officer while engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties.

(b) A person who intentionally and knowingly causes or attempts to cause bodily injury to a peace officer engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties is guilty of a

felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years.

(c) A person who intentionally and knowingly disarms a peace officer of his firearm while that peace officer is engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years.

(d) For the purposes of this section only, "peace officer" means as defined in W.S. 6-1-104(a) (vi) and also includes any person employed by the state department of corrections on a full-time basis as a probation and parole agent or supervisor to assess, supervise, monitor, track, visit or control persons who are released from incarceration under conditions of parole or who are sentenced under conditions of probation.

6-5-205. Running manned roadblock; penalties.

A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he proceeds or travels through a roadblock which is supervised by a uniformed peace officer without stopping and obeying the instructions of the peace officer.

6-5-206. Escape from official detention; penalties.

(a) A person commits a crime if he escapes from official detention. Escape is:

(i) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, if the detention is the result of a conviction for a felony;

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both, if the detention is the result of:

(A) A conviction for a misdemeanor; or

(B) An arrest or charge for a crime.

6-5-207. Escape by violence or assault, or while armed; penalty.

A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years if he escapes from official detention by violence or while armed with a deadly weapon or by assault upon a person in charge of the detention.

6-5-208. Taking controlled substances or liquor into jails, penal institutions or mental hospitals; penalties.

Except as authorized by a person in charge, a person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both, if that person takes or passes any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor into a jail, a state penal institution, the Wyoming boys' school, Wyoming girls' school, a correctional facility operated by a private entity pursuant to W.S. 7-22-102 or the state hospital.

6-5-209. Taking deadly weapons into jails, penal institutions, mental hospitals or courtrooms; penalties.

(a) Except as authorized by a person in charge, a person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if that person takes or passes a deadly weapon into a jail, a state penal institution, the Wyoming boys' school, Wyoming girls' school, a correctional facility operated by a private entity pursuant to W.S. 7-22-102 or the state hospital.

(b) Except as authorized by a presiding judge, a person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if that person takes into a courtroom a deadly weapon. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this subsection within five (5) years of the first conviction shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a presiding judge from carrying a weapon or determining who may carry a weapon in the courtroom.

6-5-210. False reporting to authorities; penalties.

(a) A person who knowingly reports falsely to a 911 emergency reporting system, law enforcement agency or a fire department that:

(i) A crime has been committed is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both;

(ii) An emergency exists is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both;

(iii) An emergency exists, when the false report results in any person suffering serious bodily harm, is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

(iv) An emergency exists, when the false report results in the death of any person, is guilty of manslaughter punishable as provided in W.S. 6-2-105.

6-5-211. Injuring or killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog or police horse prohibited; penalties.

(a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without lawful cause or justification permanently disables or inflicts death upon any animal defined in subsection (b) of this section shall be liable for restitution by order of a court and shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(b) As used in this section:

(i) "Police dog" means any dog that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement or corrections agency for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws or apprehension of offenders;

(ii) "Police horse" means any horse that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a law enforcement or corrections agency for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws or apprehension of offenders;

(iii) "Fire dog" means any dog that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a fire department, a special fire district or the state fire marshal for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of flammable materials or the investigation of fires;

(iv) "Search and rescue dog" means any search and rescue dog that is owned, or the service of which is utilized, by a fire department, a law enforcement or corrections agency, a special fire district or the state fire marshal for the principal purpose of aiding in the detection of missing persons, including persons who are lost, who are trapped under debris as a result of a natural, manmade or technological disaster or who are drowning victims.

6-5-212. Interference with emergency calls; interference with emergency reporting system.

(a) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he knowingly obstructs, prevents, hinders or otherwise interferes with the making or completion of a telephone call to a 911 emergency reporting system or other telephone or radio communication by another person to any law enforcement agency to request protection or other assistance from the law enforcement agency or to report the commission of a crime.

(b) A person commits a misdemeanor if he knowingly calls a 911 emergency reporting system for a purpose other than to report a situation that he reasonably believes requires prompt service in order to preserve or protect human life or health or property.

(c) For purposes of this article "911 emergency reporting system" means as defined by W.S. 16-9-102(a)(iv).

6-5-213. Taking contraband into penal institutions or correctional facilities; definitions; penalties.

(a) Except as authorized by a person in charge, no person shall:

(i) Intentionally convey or attempt to convey contraband to a person confined in a penal institution or correctional facility; or

(ii) Intentionally make, obtain or possess contraband if the person is officially confined in a penal institution or correctional facility.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

(c) As used in this section:

(i) "Contraband" means:

(A) Cellular telephone or other unauthorized electronic communications device;

(B) Cigarette or other tobacco product;

(C) Money;

(D) Any tool or other item that may be used to facilitate escape from the custody of the penal institution or correctional facility; or

(E) Any other item that the person confined in the official custody of a penal institution or correctional facility is prohibited by law from making, obtaining or possessing.

(ii) "Penal institution or correctional facility" means a jail, a state penal institution or a correctional facility operated by a private entity pursuant to W.S. 7-22-102.

ARTICLE 3
PERJURY AND CRIMINAL FALSIFICATION

6-5-301. Perjury in judicial, legislative or administrative proceedings; penalties.

(a) A person commits perjury if, while under a lawfully administered oath or affirmation, he knowingly testifies falsely or makes a false affidavit, certificate, declaration, deposition or statement, in a judicial, legislative or administrative proceeding in which an oath or affirmation may be required by law, touching a matter material to a point in question.

(b) Perjury is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-5-302. Proof of solicitation of perjury.

In a trial for soliciting perjury, no conviction shall be had on the evidence of the person solicited, unsupported by other testimony.

6-5-303. False swearing in nonjudicial or nonadministrative proceeding; false claims or vouchers; penalties.

(a) A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both, if, while under a lawfully administered oath or affirmation in a matter where an oath is authorized by law, he knowingly makes a false certificate, affidavit, acknowledgment, declaration or statement other than in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

(b) A person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both, if he knowingly submits a false claim or voucher with intent to defraud.

(c) A person who knowingly makes a false certification under W.S. 1-2-104 is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

6-5-304. Offering mining claims for filing without meeting legal prerequisites; penalties.

A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both, if he offers a location certificate for a placer mining claim or a lode claim or an affidavit of assessment work to be filed with a county clerk's office knowing the claim, certificate or affidavit was not preceded by a proper location of the claim physically upon the ground by establishing a proper notice of claim and designating the surface boundaries as required by law.

6-5-305. Influencing, intimidating or impeding jurors, witnesses and officers; obstructing or impeding justice; penalties.

(a) A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both, if, by force or threats, he attempts to influence, intimidate or impede a juror, witness or officer in the discharge of his duty.

(b) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if, by threats or force, he obstructs or impedes the administration of justice in a court.

6-5-306. Refusal to appear or testify; avoidance of service; penalties; summary proceedings for contempt.

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he:

(i) Refuses or intentionally fails to obey a lawful subpoena or citation which has been served upon him;

(ii) Secretes himself or leaves his residence to avoid being served with a subpoena; or

(iii) Refuses to take an oath or affirmation or, being sworn or affirmed, refuses to answer a question required by the court or presiding officer.

(b) This section shall not prevent summary proceedings for contempt.

6-5-307. Usurpation; penalties.

A person is guilty of usurpation if he falsely represents himself to be a public servant with the intent to induce anyone to submit to the pretended official authority or to act in reliance upon the pretense to his detriment. Usurpation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not to exceed six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-5-308. Penalty for filing false document.

(a) A person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both, if he files with the secretary of state and willfully or knowingly:

(i) Falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme or device a material fact;

(ii) Makes any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; or

(iii) Makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry.

CHAPTER 6
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE

ARTICLE 1
DISTURBANCES OF PUBLIC ORDER

6-6-101. Fighting in public; penalties.

A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if, by agreement, he fights with one (1) or more persons in public.

6-6-102. Breach of the peace; penalties.

(a) A person commits breach of the peace if he disturbs the peace of a community or its inhabitants by unreasonably loud noise or music or by using threatening, abusive or obscene language or violent actions with knowledge or probable cause to believe he will disturb the peace.

(b) Breach of the peace is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-6-103. Telephone calls; unlawful acts; penalties; communicating a threat of bodily injury or death; place of commission of crime.

(a) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more

than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if he telephones another anonymously or under a false or fictitious name and uses obscene, lewd or profane language or suggests a lewd or lascivious act with intent to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy or offend.

(b) A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both, if:

(i) By repeated anonymous telephone calls, he disturbs the peace, quiet or privacy of persons where the calls were received; or

(ii) He telephones or otherwise electronically or in writing communicates with a person and threatens to:

(A) Inflict death to the person, to the person's immediate family or to anyone at the school in which the person is a student or employee; or

(B) Inflict injury or physical harm to the person, to the person's immediate family or to property of the person.

(c) A crime under this section is committed at the place where the calls or other electronic or written communications either originated or were received.

(d) For purposes of this section, "immediate family" means a spouse, parent, sibling, child or other person living in the person's household.

6-6-104. Unlawful automated telephone solicitation; exceptions; penalties.

(a) No person shall use an automated telephone system or device for the selection and dialing of telephone numbers and playing of recorded messages if a message is completed to the dialed number, for purposes of:

(i) Offering any goods or services for sale;

(ii) Conveying information on goods or services in soliciting sales or purchases;

(iii) Soliciting information;

(iv) Gathering data and statistics; or

(v) Promoting or any other use related to a political campaign.

(b) This section shall not prohibit the use of an automated telephone system or device described under subsection (a) of this section for purposes of informing purchasers of the receipt, availability or delivery of goods or services, any delay or other pertinent information on the status of any purchased goods or services or responding to an inquiry initiated by any person, or the use of an automated telephone dialing system as authorized by W.S. 40-12-303.

(c) Any person violating subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-6-105. Unlawful protesting at a funeral; penalties.

A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both, if he protests, pickets, or otherwise causes a breach of the peace within nine hundred (900) feet of a cemetery, church, building or other facility at which a funeral or memorial service is being conducted, and if the protest, picket or other action occurs within one (1) hour prior to, during or within one (1) hour after the funeral or memorial service and the protest, picket, or breach of the peace is directed at the funeral or memorial service.

ARTICLE 2
NUISANCES

6-6-201. "Nuisance" defined.

Whoever maintains, uses, owns or leases any structure, boat or vehicle for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, prostitution or gambling, or for manufacture, possession, sale or disposition of intoxicating liquor or any controlled substance in violation of law, is guilty of a nuisance, and the structure, boat or vehicle and the ground upon which the structure is situated and the furniture, fixtures, musical instruments, gambling devices,

and instruments of every kind or nature, and contents, are also declared a nuisance, and shall be enjoined and abated.

6-6-202. Abatement by injunction; suit by county attorney or citizen; petition; temporary injunction; notice to defendant; issuance and effect of injunction.

Whenever a nuisance exists as defined in this article, the county attorney or any citizen of the county may maintain an action in the name of the state of Wyoming upon the relation of the county attorney or citizen, to perpetually enjoin the nuisance, the person maintaining the nuisance, and the owner or agent of the building or ground upon which the nuisance exists. In the action, the court shall, upon the presentation of a petition alleging that the nuisance complained of exists, allow a temporary writ of injunction without bond, if it appears to the satisfaction of the court by evidence in the form of affidavits, depositions, oral testimony or otherwise. Three (3) days notice in writing shall be given the defendant of the application, and, if then continued at his instance, the writ as prayed shall be granted as a matter of course. When an injunction has been granted, it shall be binding on the defendant throughout the judicial district in which it was issued, and any violation of the provisions of injunction shall be a contempt.

6-6-203. Trial; evidence of general reputation; dismissal or prosecution of action; substitution of complainant; costs.

The action, when brought, shall be triable at the first term of court after due and timely service of the notice has been given. In the action evidence of the general reputation of the place is admissible for the purpose of proving the existence of the nuisance. If the complaint is filed by a citizen, it shall not be dismissed except upon a sworn statement made by the complainant and his attorney, setting forth the reason why the action should be dismissed, and the dismissal approved by the county attorney in writing or in open court. If the court finds the action ought not to be dismissed, he may direct the county attorney to prosecute the action to judgment. If the action is continued more than one (1) term of court, any citizen of the county or the county attorney may be substituted for the complaining party and prosecute the action to judgment. If the action is brought by a citizen and the court finds there was no reasonable ground or cause for the action, the costs may be taxed to the citizen.

6-6-204. Order of abatement; removal and sale of movable property; closing of building; breaking and entering closed building; fees.

If the existence of the nuisance is established in an action as provided in this article, or in a criminal proceeding, an order of abatement shall be entered as a part of the judgment in the case. The order shall direct the removal from the building or place of all fixtures, furniture, musical instruments or movable property contained therein used in conducting the nuisance, and shall direct the sale thereof in the manner provided for the sale of personal property under execution, and shall order the closure of the structure or place against the use for a period specified by the court. If any person breaks and enters or uses a structure or place directed to be closed, he shall be punished as provided in W.S. 6-6-208. For removing and selling the movable property, the officer shall be entitled to receive the same fees as he would for levying upon and selling like property on execution. For closing the premises and keeping them closed, a reasonable sum shall be allowed by the court.

6-6-205. Disposition of proceeds of sale.

The proceeds of the sale of the personal property, as provided in W.S. 6-6-204, shall be applied in payment of the costs of the action and abatement, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the defendant.

6-6-206. Cancellation of closing order and release of property upon payment of costs, filing of bond and promised abatement of nuisance; effect of release.

If the owner appears and pays all costs of the proceeding, and files a bond with sureties to be approved by the clerk in the full value of the property, as specified by the court, conditioned that he will immediately abate the nuisance and prevent recurrence of the nuisance for a time specified by the court, the court may, if satisfied of his good faith, cancel the order of abatement as it relates to the property. The release of the property under this section shall not release it from any judgment, lien or liability to which it may be subject by law.

6-6-207. Assessment of tax when permanent injunction issues; collection; continuing liability for other penalties.

Whenever a permanent injunction issues against any person for maintaining a nuisance or against the owner or agent of any

building kept or used for the purposes prohibited by this article, there shall be assessed against the building and the ground upon which it is located and against the person or persons maintaining the nuisance, and the owner or agent of the premises, a tax of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The assessment of the tax shall be made by the assessor of the county in which the nuisance exists and shall be made within three (3) months from the date of granting of the permanent injunction. If the assessor fails or neglects to make the assessment, it shall be made by the sheriff of the county and a return of the assessment shall be made to the county treasurer. The tax may be enforced and collected in the manner prescribed for the collection of taxes under the general revenue laws and shall be a perpetual lien upon all property, both personal and real used for the purpose of maintaining the nuisance. The payment of the tax does not relieve the person or building from any other penalties provided by law and when collected shall be applied and distributed in the manner prescribed by law for the application and distribution of monies arising from the collection of fines and penalties in criminal cases.

6-6-208. Contempt proceedings for violation of injunction; commencement; trial; penalties.

If any injunction granted under this article is violated, the court may summarily try and punish the offender. The proceedings shall be commenced by filing with the clerk of the court an information under oath, setting out the alleged facts constituting the violation, upon which the court shall cause a warrant to issue, under which the defendant shall be arrested. The trial may be had upon affidavits, or either party may demand the production and oral examination of the witnesses. A party found guilty of contempt under this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six (6) months, or both.

6-6-209. "Public nuisance" defined; maintenance thereof; penalty.

Every structure, boat or vehicle used and occupied as a house of ill fame, or for purposes of prostitution or gambling, or for the purpose of manufacture, possession, sale or disposition of intoxicating liquor or any controlled substance in violation of law shall be held and deemed a public nuisance. Any person owning, or having the control of the property, and knowingly leasing or subletting the property, in whole or in part, for the

purpose of keeping a house or place of ill fame, prostitution or gambling, or for the purpose of manufacture, possession, sale or disposition of intoxicating liquor or any controlled substance in violation of law, or knowingly permitting the property to be used or occupied for that purpose, or using or occupying the property for that purpose, shall for every offense be fined not exceeding seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed six (6) months.

ARTICLE 3
UNLAWFUL CONDUCT WITHIN GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES

6-6-301. Definitions.

(a) As used in W.S. 6-6-301 through 6-6-307:

(i) "Governing body" means any elected or appointed commission, board, agency, council, trustees or other body created or authorized by the laws of this state and vested with authority to perform specified governmental, educational, proprietary or regulatory functions;

(ii) "Facilities" means any lands, buildings or structures.

6-6-302. Obstructive or disruptive conduct within governmental facilities prohibited.

(a) No person, acting either singly or in concert with others, shall go into or upon facilities owned by, or under the control of, a governing body and obstruct or disrupt, by force, violence or other conduct which is in fact obstructive or disruptive, the activities conducted therein or thereon or the uses made thereof under the authority of the governing body. Obstructive or disruptive activities include restricting lawful:

(i) Freedom of movement on or within a facility;

(ii) And designated use of a facility;

(iii) Ingress or egress on or within a facility.

6-6-303. Refusing to desist or remove oneself from facilities.

No person within or upon the facilities of a governing body shall refuse to desist from a course of conduct or to remove

himself from the facilities upon request by an authorized representative of the governing body, after having been notified that the conduct or the presence of the person is contrary to or in violation of established policies, rules or regulations of the governing body which are reasonably related to the furtherance of the lawful purposes of the governing body and incident to the maintenance or orderly and efficient use of its facilities for the purposes for which acquired or designated.

6-6-304. Freedom of speech, press or assembly not abridged.

Nothing in W.S. 6-6-301 through 6-6-307 prevents, denies or abridges the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble to consult for the common good, to make known their opinions, and to petition for the redress of grievances.

6-6-305. Penalties for violations of article.

Any person violating any provision of W.S. 6-6-301 through 6-6-307 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both.

6-6-306. Identification may be required; ejection from facilities when presence unlawful or prohibited.

Every governing body, acting through its officers and employees, may require identification of any person within or upon its facilities and eject any person from the facilities upon his refusal to leave peaceably upon request, when his presence in a facility is unlawful or otherwise prohibited by the governing body.

6-6-307. No restriction on powers of governing body.

Nothing within W.S. 6-6-301 through 6-6-307 is intended, nor shall operate, to limit or restrict each governing body from carrying out its purposes and objectives through the exercise of powers otherwise granted by law nor shall preclude a governing body from taking disciplinary action against those violating W.S. 6-6-301 through 6-6-307 who are subject to its disciplinary authority.

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY

ARTICLE 1
GAMBLING

6-7-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Calcutta wagering" means wagering on the outcome of amateur contests, cutter horse racing, dog sled racing, professional rodeo events or professional golf tournament in which those who wager bid at auction for the exclusive right to "purchase" or wager upon a particular contestant or entrant in the event and when the outcome of the event has been decided the total wagers comprising the pool, less a percentage "take-out" by the event's sponsor, is distributed to those who "purchased" or wagered upon the winning contestants or entrants;

(ii) "Gain" means the direct realization of winnings;

(iii) "Gambling" means risking any property for gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance, the operation of a gambling device or the happening or outcome of an event, including a sporting event, over which the person taking a risk has no control, but does not include any of the following:

(A) Bona fide contests of skill, speed, strength or endurance in which awards are made only to entrants or the owners of entries. This exception shall not include skill based amusement games;

(B) Bona fide business transactions which are valid under the law of contracts;

(C) Other acts or transactions now or hereafter expressly authorized by law;

(D) Bingo games conducted, or pull tabs sold, by charitable or nonprofit organizations where the tickets for the bingo are sold only in this state and the pull tabs are sold only on the premises owned or occupied by the charitable or nonprofit organization provided that:

(I) Bingo games and pull tab games shall only be conducted by charitable or nonprofit organizations, which have been in existence in this state for at least three

(3) years and, commencing July 1, 2020, are licensed by the Wyoming gaming commission under W.S. 11-25-104(n) to conduct bingo or pull tab games;

(II) In conducting bingo games and pull tab games the organization shall use only volunteers who are bona fide members of the charitable or nonprofit organization or employees or contractors who are paid by the organization to assist in the operation of the game;

(III) Players of bingo games or pull tab games shall be eighteen (18) years or older;

(IV) At least sixty-five percent (65%) of all gross sales shall be redeemed as winnings each month. The net proceeds after payment of winnings shall be restricted as follows:

(1) No more than forty percent (40%) of net proceeds shall be paid to distributors or manufacturers of supplies or equipment necessary to conduct the game; and

(2) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the net proceeds remaining after payment for all costs and supplies shall be donated within one (1) year by the organization to a bona fide charitable or benevolent purpose.

(V) The charitable or nonprofit organization conducting the bingo game or pull tab game may purchase supplies or equipment necessary to conduct the game from a distributor or manufacturer at a price based on a per card or pull tab basis subject to the limitations provided in subdivision (D)(IV)(1) of this paragraph.

(E) Any game, wager or transaction which is incidental to a bona fide social relationship, is participated in by natural persons only, and in which no person is participating, directly or indirectly, in professional gambling;

(F) Calcutta wagering on contests or events conducted by a bona fide nationally chartered veterans', religious, charitable, educational or fraternal organization or nonprofit local civic or service club organized or incorporated under the laws of this state and, commencing July 1, 2020, licensed by the Wyoming gaming commission under W.S. 11-25-104(n) to conduct calcutta wagering on contests or events, provided that:

(I) The contest or event is conducted solely in this state;

(II) Any rules affecting the contest or requirements for participants are clearly posted;

(III) The total prizes or prize money paid out in any one (1) contest or event does not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the total wagers;

(IV) A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total wagers on each contest or event is donated within one (1) year by the sponsoring organization to a bona fide charitable or benevolent purpose;

(V) No separate organization or professional person is employed to conduct the contest or event or assist therein;

(VI) The sponsoring organization before conducting the contest or event gives thirty (30) days written notice of the time and place thereof to the governing body of the county or municipality in which it intends to conduct the contest or event and the governing body does not pass a resolution objecting thereto;

(VII) The sponsoring organization has complied with the relevant sections of the internal revenue code of 1954, as amended, relating to taxes on wagering.

(G) Display or private use of antique gambling devices in the owner's residence;

(H) Raffles conducted for charitable purposes;

(J) Any lottery game authorized and run by the Wyoming lottery corporation pursuant to W.S. 9-17-101 through 9-17-128.

(K) The hunting license raffle provided by W.S. 23-1-302(p);

(M) Activities authorized by the Wyoming gaming commission pursuant to law.

(iv) "Gambling device" means any device, machine, paraphernalia or equipment except an antique gambling device that is used or usable in the playing phases of any professional gambling activity, whether that activity consists of gambling between persons or gambling by a person involving the playing of a machine;

(v) "Gambling premise" means any building, room, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or other place, whether open or enclosed, used or intended to be used for professional gambling. Any place where a gambling device is found is presumed to be intended to be used for professional gambling;

(vi) "Gambling proceed" means all money or property at stake or displayed in or in connection with professional gambling;

(vii) "Gambling record" means any record, receipt, ticket, certificate, token, slip or notation given, made, used or intended to be used in connection with professional gambling;

(viii) "Professional gambling" means:

(A) Aiding or inducing another to engage in gambling, with the intent to derive a profit therefrom; or

(B) Participating in gambling and having, other than by virtue of skill or luck, a lesser chance of losing or a greater chance of winning than one (1) or more of the other participants.

(ix) "Profit" means benefit other than a gain, which is realized or unrealized and direct, including benefits from unequal advantage in a series of transactions but does not include benefits of proprietorship or management of a business wherein a game, wager or transaction described in W.S. 6-7-101(a) (iii) (E) occurs;

(x) "Antique gambling device" means a mechanically or electronically operated slot machine that is at least twenty-five (25) years old and used only for display or personal amusement in the owner's residence, in public and private museums, in possession of a dealer or distributor of lawful gaming equipment or displayed at state or local historic sites;

(xi) "Charitable or nonprofit organization" means an organization recognized as a charitable or nonprofit

organization under Wyoming statutes and which possesses a valid exemption from federal income tax issued by the Internal Revenue Service under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. § 501(c);

(xii) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 52, § 1.

(xiii) "Skill based amusement game" means a game played in exchange for consideration of cash, credit or other thing of value on a fixed, commercial electrical gaming device in which the bona fide skill of the player, determined by an individual's level of strategy and skill, is a factor in determining the outcome and for which the player may be awarded a prize or other thing of value for a successful outcome.

6-7-102. Gambling; professional gambling; penalties.

(a) A person who engages in gambling commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

(b) A person who engages in professional gambling commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or both.

6-7-103. Gambling devices, gambling records, gambling proceeds subject to seizure; disposition thereof; antique gambling devices protected.

All gambling devices, gambling records and gambling proceeds are subject to seizure by any peace officer and shall be disposed of in accordance with law. An antique gambling device as defined by W.S. 6-7-101(a)(x) shall not be subject to seizure unless it is used in any way in violation of this article.

6-7-104. Advertising of allowable gambling activities or events.

Nothing in this chapter prohibits the advertising of any gambling activity or event excluded from gambling under W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii) and conducted by or for any charitable or nonprofit organization or conducted as a promotional activity by a private business entity which is clearly occasional and ancillary to the primary business of that entity.

WEAPONS

ARTICLE 1
WEAPONS OFFENSES

6-8-101. Use of firearm while committing felony; subsequent convictions; penalties; applicability of provisions.

(a) A person who uses a firearm while committing a felony shall be imprisoned for not more than ten (10) years in addition to the punishment for the felony. For a second or subsequent conviction under this section a person shall be imprisoned for not more than twenty (20) years in addition to the punishment for the felony.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to those felonies which include as an element of the crime the use or possession of a deadly weapon.

6-8-102. Use or possession of firearm by person convicted of certain felony offenses; penalties; exception.

(a) Any person who has previously pleaded guilty to or been convicted of committing or attempting to commit a violent felony or a felony under W.S. 6-5-204(b), and has not been pardoned and who uses or knowingly possesses any firearm is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(b) As used in this section "firearm" does not include an "antique firearm" as defined in W.S. 6-8-403(a)(viii).

6-8-103. Possession, manufacture or disposition of deadly weapon with unlawful intent; penalties.

A person who knowingly possesses, manufactures, transports, repairs or sells a deadly weapon with intent to unlawfully threaten the life or physical well-being of another or to commit assault or inflict bodily injury on another is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

6-8-104. Wearing or carrying concealed weapons; penalties; exceptions; permits.

(a) A person who wears or carries a concealed deadly weapon is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both for a first offense, or a felony punishable by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both, for a second or subsequent offense, unless:

(i) The person is a peace officer;

(ii) The person possesses a permit under this section;

(iii) The person holds a valid permit authorizing him to carry a concealed firearm authorized and issued by a governmental agency or entity in another state that recognizes Wyoming permits and is a valid statewide permit; or

(iv) The person does not possess a permit issued under this section, but otherwise meets the requirements specified in paragraphs (b)(i) through (vi), (viii) and (ix) of this section and possession of the firearm by the person is not otherwise unlawful.

(b) The attorney general is authorized to issue permits to carry a concealed firearm to persons qualified as provided by this subsection. The attorney general shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out this section no later than October 1, 1994. Applications for a permit to carry a concealed firearm shall be made available and distributed by the division of criminal investigation and local law enforcement agencies. The permit shall be valid throughout the state for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance. The permittee shall carry the permit, together with valid identification at all times when the permittee is carrying a concealed firearm and shall display both the permit and proper identification upon request of any peace officer. The attorney general through the division shall issue a permit to any person who:

(i) Is a resident of the United States and has been a resident of Wyoming for not less than six (6) months prior to filing the application. The Wyoming residency requirements of this paragraph do not apply to any person who holds a valid permit authorizing him to carry a concealed firearm authorized and issued by a governmental agency or entity in another state that recognizes Wyoming permits and is a valid statewide permit;

(ii) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

(iii) Does not suffer from a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a firearm;

(iv) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 922(g) or W.S. 6-8-102;

(v) Has not been:

(A) Committed to a state or federal facility for the abuse of a controlled substance, within the one (1) year period prior to the date on which application for a permit under this section is submitted;

(B) Convicted of a felony violation of the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act of 1971, W.S. 35-7-1001 through 35-7-1057 or similar laws of any other state or the United States relating to controlled substances and has not been pardoned; or

(C) Convicted of a misdemeanor violation of the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act of 1971, W.S. 35-7-1001 through 35-7-1057 or similar laws of any other state or the United States relating to controlled substances within the one (1) year period prior to the date on which application for a permit under this section is submitted.

(vi) Does not chronically or habitually use alcoholic liquor and malt beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired if the applicant has been involuntarily committed, within the one (1) year period prior to the date on which application for a permit under this section is submitted, to any residential facility pursuant to the laws of this state or similar laws of any other state as a result of the use of alcohol;

(vii) Demonstrates familiarity with a firearm. A legible photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses or classes or a notarized affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization or group that conducted or taught the course or class attesting to the completion of the course or class by the applicant or a copy of any document which shows completion of the course or class or evidences participation of

firearms competition, shall constitute evidence of qualification under this paragraph. Any one (1) of the following activities listed in this paragraph shall be sufficient to demonstrate familiarity with a firearm:

(A) Completion of any certified firearm safety or training course utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Wyoming law enforcement academy;

(B) Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special deputies, or any division of law enforcement or security enforcement;

(C) Experience with a firearm through participation in an organized handgun shooting competition or military service;

(D) Completion of any firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor;

(E) Be certified as proficient in firearms safety by any Wyoming law enforcement agency under procedures established by that agency; or

(F) Honorable retirement as a federal or state peace officer who has a minimum of ten (10) years of service.

(viii) Is not currently adjudicated to be legally incompetent; and

(ix) Has not been committed to a mental institution.

(c) The division may deny a permit if the applicant has been found guilty of or has pled nolo contendere to one (1) or more crimes of violence constituting a misdemeanor offense within the three (3) year period prior to the date on which the application is submitted or may revoke a permit if the permittee has been found guilty of or has pled nolo contendere to one (1) or more crimes of violence constituting a misdemeanor offense within the preceding three (3) years.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (cc) of this section, the application shall be completed, under oath, on a form promulgated by the attorney general to include:

(i) The name, address, place and date of birth of the applicant;

(ii) A statement that, to the best of his knowledge, the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within this section;

(iii) A statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this section and is knowledgeable of its provisions;

(iv) A conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a materially false answer to any question or the submission of any materially false document by the applicant may result in denial or revocation of a permit and subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution under W.S. 6-5-303.

(e) The applicant shall submit to the division through the sheriff's office in the county of the applicant's residence:

(i) A completed application as described in subsection (d) of this section or, if applicable, subsection (cc) of this section;

(ii) A nonrefundable permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), if he has not previously been issued a statewide permit, or a nonrefundable permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for renewal of a permit;

(iii) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant administered by a law enforcement agency. The actual cost of processing the set of fingerprints required in this paragraph shall be borne by the applicant;

(iv) A photocopy of a certificate or an affidavit or document as provided by paragraph (b)(vii) of this section;

(v) If applicable, the items listed in subsection (cc) of this section.

(f) The sheriff's office shall forward items received under subsection (e) of this section but shall retain ten dollars (\$10.00) of each original permit fee and five dollars (\$5.00) of each renewal permit fee. The division, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (e) of this section, shall

process the full set of fingerprints of the applicant for any criminal justice information. The division shall submit a fingerprint card to the federal bureau of investigation for a national background check. The cost of processing the fingerprints shall be payable to the division.

(g) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence shall submit a written report to the division containing any information that he feels may be pertinent to the issuance of a permit to any applicant. The written report shall state facts known to the sheriff which establish reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to himself or others, or to the community at large as a result of the applicant's mental or psychological state, as demonstrated by a past pattern or practice of behavior, or participation in incidents involving a controlled substance, alcohol abuse, violence or threats of violence as these incidents relate to criteria listed in this section. The written report shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date the sheriff receives the copy of the application. The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence shall notify the chief of police, if any, of the applicant's place of residence of the application for a concealed firearm permit by the applicant. The chief of police shall submit written comments to the division under the guidelines prescribed in this section. Submitted comments shall not be considered a public record.

(h) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence may, at his discretion, submit a written report to the division recommending immediate issuance of a concealed firearm permit prior to the mandatory fingerprint processing. The written recommendation shall specifically state that the sheriff has personal knowledge that the applicant is qualified to be issued a permit.

(j) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence may, at his discretion, submit a written report to the division recommending the issuance of a concealed firearm permit to an applicant between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years of age who meets the requirements specified in this section. The written recommendation shall specifically state that the sheriff has personal knowledge of the applicant's situation or circumstances which warrant the issuance of a concealed firearm permit. The division may issue a permit to carry a concealed firearm to those individuals between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years of age under circumstances that a reasonable, prudent person would believe warrant the issuance of a permit to

carry a concealed firearm. The decision to issue a concealed firearm permit shall be based on the satisfactory completion of the requirements of this section and any voluntary written report offered by the sheriff of the county of the applicant's residence which shall clearly state the reasons the applicant should be issued a permit. The applicant may submit a written report containing relevant facts for consideration by the division.

(k) An applicant shall pay the cost of fingerprinting services for one (1) set of fingerprints and shall not be charged for any additional services necessary to obtain a legible set of fingerprints.

(m) The division shall, within sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (e) of this section, either:

(i) Issue the permit; or

(ii) Deny the application based on the ground that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in this section or upon reasonable grounds for denial specified under subsection (g) of this section. If the division denies the application, it shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the grounds for denial and informing the applicant of a right to submit, within thirty (30) days, any additional documentation relating to the grounds of denial. Upon receiving any additional documentation, the division shall reconsider its decision and inform the applicant within twenty (20) days of the result of the reconsideration. The applicant shall further be informed of the right to seek review of the denial in the district court pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115. No person who is denied a permit under this section shall carry a concealed firearm under a permit issued in another state, so long as he remains a resident of this state, and he remains ineligible for a permit in this state.

(n) The division shall maintain an automated listing of permit holders and pertinent information, and the information shall be available on-line, upon request, at all times to all Wyoming law enforcement agencies.

(o) Within thirty (30) days after the changing of a permanent address, or within thirty (30) days after the loss or destruction of a permit, the permittee, including any permittee

under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section, shall so notify the division. Violation of this subsection may result in cancellation or revocation of the permit.

(p) In the event that a permit is lost or destroyed, the permit shall be automatically invalid, and the person to whom the same was issued may, upon payment of a five dollar (\$5.00) fee to the division, obtain a duplicate, upon furnishing a notarized statement to the division that the permit has been lost or destroyed.

(q) A permit issued under this section shall be revoked by the division:

(i) If the permittee becomes ineligible to be issued a permit under the criteria set forth in this section; or

(ii) For any conviction of any offense involving a controlled substance, alcohol abuse while carrying a concealed weapon or any crime of violence or a plea of nolo contendere to any of these crimes.

(r) Repealed by Laws 1995, ch. 147, § 1.

(s) The permittee may renew his permit on or before the expiration date by filing with the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence the renewal form, a notarized affidavit stating that the permittee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in this section, and the required renewal fee. The permit shall be renewed to a qualified applicant upon receipt of the completed renewal application, appropriate payment of fees and the division shall verify that the criminal history information available to the division does not indicate that possession of a firearm by the applicant would constitute a violation of state or federal law. A permittee who fails to file a renewal application on or before its expiration date shall renew his permit by paying a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), but no late fee shall be charged for permits renewed by deployed armed force members through the additional renewal period under subsection (cc) of this section. Subject to subsection (cc) of this section, no permit shall be renewed six (6) months or more after its expiration date, and the permit shall be deemed to be permanently expired. A person whose permit has permanently expired may reapply for a permit pursuant to subsections (b) through (e) of this section.

(t) No person authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to paragraphs (a)(ii) through (iv) of this section shall carry a concealed firearm into:

(i) Any facility used primarily for law enforcement operations or administration without the written consent of the chief administrator;

(ii) Any detention facility, prison or jail;

(iii) Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section shall preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed weapon in the courtroom;

(iv) Any meeting of a governmental entity;

(v) Any meeting of the legislature or a committee thereof;

(vi) Any school, college or professional athletic event not related to firearms, except as provided in W.S. 21-3-132;

(vii) Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic liquor and malt beverages for consumption on the premises, which portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to that purpose;

(viii) Repealed by Laws 2018, ch. 85, § 1.

(ix) Any elementary or secondary school facility, except as provided in W.S. 21-3-132;

(x) Any college or university facility without the written consent of the security service of the college or university; or

(xi) Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law or regulation or state law.

(u) All monies collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the general fund.

(w) All funds received by the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the county.

(y) As used in this section:

(i) "Division" means the division of criminal investigation within the office of the attorney general;

(ii) "Firearm" means any pistol, revolver or derringer, designed to be fired by the use of a single hand.

(z) By March 1 of each year, the division shall submit a statistical report to the governor and to the joint judiciary interim committee indicating the number of permits issued, revoked, suspended and denied.

(aa) Notwithstanding the provisions of W.S. 1-39-105 through 1-39-112, the attorney general and members of the division of criminal investigation are immune from personal liability for issuing, for failing to issue and for revoking any concealed firearms permit under this section. A sheriff, police chief, employee of a sheriff or police chief's office shall not be personally liable for damages in a civil action arising from any information submitted pursuant to subsections (g) through (j) of this section. Nothing in this section shall relieve any governmental entity of any liability pursuant to W.S. 1-39-101 through 1-39-120.

(bb) No list or other record maintained by the division or other law enforcement agency pursuant to this section, which identifies an individual applicant or permittee shall be considered a public record. Applications, listings and other records maintained pursuant to this section which identify an individual shall be made available to other law enforcement agencies for purposes of conducting official business. The statistical report provided pursuant to subsection (z) of this section shall be a public record.

(cc) The attorney general shall by rule and regulation provide a procedure under which a person who is in active military service outside the state of Wyoming, or who is a military spouse as defined by rule of the attorney general residing with a person in active military service outside the state, but otherwise meets the requirements specified in subsection (b) of this section may apply for a permit or a renewal of a permit to carry a concealed firearm under this section without appearing in Wyoming. An application for a permit or renewal under this subsection shall be filed with the division of criminal investigation and accepted during active

military service outside the state. Members of the armed forces who are deployed outside the United States and whose permits expire during their term of deployment shall be permitted to renew their permits through the deployment period and not later than six (6) months after returning to the United States after deployment. An expired permit which is not renewed prior to the end of the extended period provided in this subsection shall be deemed to be permanently expired as provided in subsection (s) of this section. Except as provided in this subsection, requirements for applications for all renewals under this subsection shall be the same as those required for non-late renewals under subsection (s) of this section, together with verification of active military status, deployment outside the United States, termination of deployment outside the United States and marital status, all as applicable and as required by rule of the attorney general. Applications, other than renewals, under this subsection shall require:

(i) The items listed in subsection (d) of this section;

(ii) Proof of residency in a form acceptable to the attorney general that shows the applicant meets the requirements specified in subsection (b) of this section;

(iii) Certification of the applicable person's active military service outside the state;

(iv) A notarized affidavit from the applicant testifying in writing that the statements in the application are true and accurate. The affidavit required by this paragraph subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution under W.S. 6-5-303; and

(v) Any other information required by rule and regulation of the attorney general, including proof of the marriage of the military spouse and the person in active military service outside the state, if applicable.

ARTICLE 2
FIREARMS REGULATION

6-8-201. Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 21, § 2.

6-8-202. Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 21, § 2.

6-8-203. Firearms information to be kept in place of business; inspection by peace officer.

The information required by federal law to be maintained on firearms shall be kept by every wholesaler, retailer, pawnbroker and dealer in firearms in the place of business of the wholesaler, retailer, pawnbroker or dealer, and shall be subject to inspection by any peace officer at all reasonable times.

6-8-204. Repealed By Laws 1997, ch. 21, § 2.

ARTICLE 3
RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS

6-8-301. Repealed By Laws 2003, Ch. 66, § 1.

6-8-302. Repealed By Laws 2003, Ch. 66, § 1.

6-8-303. Repealed By Laws 2003, Ch. 66, § 1.

ARTICLE 4
REGULATION BY STATE

6-8-401. Firearm, weapon and ammunition regulation and prohibition by state.

(a) The Wyoming legislature finds that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right. The Wyoming legislature affirms this right as a constitutionally protected right in every part of Wyoming.

(b) Repealed By Laws 2010, Ch. 108, § 3.

(c) The sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use and possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition shall be authorized, regulated and prohibited by the state, and regulation thereof is preempted by the state. Except as authorized by W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xviii) and 21-3-132, no city, town, county, political subdivision or any other entity shall authorize, regulate or prohibit the sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use, carrying or possession of firearms, weapons, accessories, components or ammunition except as specifically provided by this chapter. This section shall not affect zoning or other ordinances which encompass firearms businesses along with other businesses. Zoning and other ordinances which are

designed for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale, purchase, transfer or manufacture of firearms or ammunition as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in conflict with this section and are prohibited.

6-8-402. Short title; applicability.

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wyoming Firearms Freedom Act".

(b) This act shall apply to firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition that are manufactured in Wyoming.

6-8-403. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(i) "Ammunition" means any projectile expelled by action of an explosive from a firearm but shall not include any projectile designed to pierce armor;

(ii) "Borders of Wyoming" means the boundaries of Wyoming as described in Section 2 of the Act of Admission of the state of Wyoming, 26 United States Statutes at Large, 222, chapter 664;

(iii) "Firearm" means any weapon which will or is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. "Firearm" shall not include any fully automatic weapon or any weapon designed to fire a rocket propelled grenade or any explosive projectile;

(iv) "Firearms accessories" means items that are used in conjunction with or mounted upon a firearm but are not essential to the basic function of a firearm, including, but not limited to, telescopic or laser sights, magazines, folding or aftermarket stocks and grips, speedloaders, ammunition carriers, optics for target identification and lights for target illumination;

(v) "Generic and insignificant parts" includes, but is not limited to, springs, screws, nuts and pins;

(vi) "Manufactured" means that a firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition has been created from basic materials for functional usefulness, including, but not limited to

forging, casting, machining, molding or other processes for working materials;

(vii) "This act" means W.S. 6-8-401 through 6-8-406;

(viii) "Antique firearm" means:

(A) Any muzzleloading firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system manufactured in or before 1898;

(B) Any replica of any firearm described in subparagraph (A) if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or

(C) Any muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading shotgun or muzzleloading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or a black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "antique firearm" shall not include any weapon that incorporates a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm that is converted into a muzzleloading weapon or any muzzleloading weapon that can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock, or any combination thereof.

6-8-404. Regulation by state of firearms, firearms accessories, ammunition and antique firearms manufactured in Wyoming; exceptions.

(a) A personal firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition that is manufactured commercially or privately in Wyoming and that remains exclusively within the borders of Wyoming is not subject to federal law, federal taxation or federal regulation, including registration, under the authority of the United States congress to regulate interstate commerce. It is declared by the Wyoming legislature that those items have not traveled in interstate commerce. This section applies to a firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition that is manufactured in Wyoming from basic materials and that can be manufactured without the inclusion of any significant parts imported from another state or foreign country. Generic and insignificant parts that have other manufacturing or consumer product applications are not firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition, and their importation into Wyoming and incorporation into a firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition manufactured in Wyoming does not subject the firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition to federal

regulation. It is declared by the Wyoming legislature that basic industrial materials, such as, but not limited to, polymers, unmachined metal, ferrous or nonferrous, bar stock, ingots or forgings and unshaped wood, are not firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition and are not subject to congressional authority to regulate firearms, firearms accessories and ammunition under interstate commerce as if they were actually firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition. The authority of the United States congress to regulate interstate commerce in basic materials does not include authority to regulate firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition made within Wyoming borders from those materials. Firearms accessories that are imported into Wyoming from another state and that are subject to federal regulation as being in interstate commerce do not subject a firearm to federal regulation under interstate commerce because the firearm accessory is attached to or used in conjunction with a firearm in Wyoming.

(b) A firearm manufactured or sold in Wyoming under this act shall have the words, "made in Wyoming" clearly stamped, inscribed or otherwise marked on a central part of the firearm, such as the receiver or frame.

(c) To possess a firearm covered by this section a person shall:

(i) Not have been convicted of any felony in any state, territory or other jurisdiction of the United States. This paragraph shall not apply to antique firearms;

(ii) Not currently be adjudicated to be legally incompetent; and

(iii) Not have been committed to a mental institution.

(d) To purchase a firearm covered by this section a person shall:

(i) Be at least:

(A) Twenty-one (21) years of age if the firearm is a handgun;

(B) Eighteen (18) years of age if the firearm is a shotgun or rifle.

(ii) Not have been convicted of any felony in any state, territory or other jurisdiction of the United States. This paragraph shall not apply to antique firearms;

(iii) Not currently be adjudicated to be legally incompetent; and

(iv) Not have been committed to a mental institution.

6-8-405. Offenses and penalties; defense of Wyoming citizens.

(a) No public servant as defined in W.S. 6-5-101, or dealer selling any firearm in this state shall enforce or attempt to enforce any act, law, statute, rule or regulation of the United States government relating to a personal firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition that is manufactured commercially or privately in Wyoming and that remains exclusively within the borders of Wyoming.

(b) Any official, agent or employee of the United States government who enforces or attempts to enforce any act, order, law, statute, rule or regulation of the United States government upon a personal firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition that is manufactured commercially or privately in Wyoming and that remains exclusively within the borders of Wyoming shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

(c) The attorney general may defend a citizen of Wyoming who is prosecuted by the United States government for violation of a federal law relating to the manufacture, sale, transfer or possession of a firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition manufactured and retained exclusively within the borders of Wyoming.

6-8-406. Legislative findings and declaration of authority.

(a) The legislature declares that the authority for W.S. 6-8-402 through 6-8-406 is the following:

(i) The tenth amendment to the United States constitution guarantees to the states and their people all powers not granted to the federal government elsewhere in the constitution and reserves to the state and the people of Wyoming

certain powers as they were understood at the time that Wyoming was admitted to statehood in 1890. The guaranty of those powers is a matter of contract between the state and people of Wyoming and the several states comprising the United States as of the time the Act of Admission was agreed upon and adopted by Wyoming and the several states comprising the United States in 1889;

(ii) The ninth amendment to the United States constitution guarantees to the people rights not granted in the constitution and reserves to the people of Wyoming certain rights, as they were understood at the time Wyoming was admitted to statehood in 1890. The guaranty of those rights is a matter of contract between the state and people of Wyoming and the several states comprising the United States as of the time the Act of Admission was agreed upon and adopted by Wyoming and the United States in 1889;

(iii) The regulation of intrastate commerce is vested in the states under the ninth and tenth amendments to the United States constitution, particularly if not expressly preempted by federal law pursuant to article 1, section 8 of the United States constitution. The United States congress has not expressly preempted state regulation of intrastate commerce pertaining to the manufacture on an intrastate basis of firearms, firearms accessories and ammunition;

(iv) The second amendment to the United States constitution reserves to the people the right to keep and bear arms as that right was understood at the time the original states ratified the bill of rights to the United States constitution, and the guaranty of the right is a matter of contract between the state and people of Wyoming and the United States as of the time the Act of Admission was agreed upon and adopted by Wyoming and the United States in 1889;

(v) Article 1, section 24, of the Wyoming constitution secures the right of citizens the right to keep and bear arms and this right shall not be denied. This right predates the United States constitution and the Wyoming constitution and is unchanged from the 1890 Wyoming constitution, which was approved by congress and the people of Wyoming, and the right exists, as it was agreed upon and adopted by Wyoming and the United States in the Act of Admission;

(vi) Article 1, section 1, of the Wyoming constitution provides that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and

instituted for their peace, safety and happiness; for all the advancement of these ends they have at all times an inalienable and indefeasible right to alter, reform or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper;

(vii) Article 1, section 7, of the Wyoming constitution provides that absolute, arbitrary power over the lives, liberty and property of freemen exists nowhere in a republic, not even in the largest majority;

(viii) Article 1, sections 1 and 7, of the Wyoming constitution clearly provide that the people of the state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign and independent state, and do so and forever hereafter shall exercise and enjoy every power, jurisdiction and right, pertaining thereto, which is not, or may not hereafter be, by them expressly delegated to the United States of America;

(ix) The declaration of independence clearly provides that government derives its power directly from the consent of the governed and Wyoming affirms the language of the second paragraph of the declaration of independence which states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

CHAPTER 9 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

ARTICLE 1 DISCRIMINATION

6-9-101. Equal enjoyment of public accommodations and facilities; penalties.

(a) All persons of good deportment are entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of all accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of all places or agencies which are public in nature, or which invite the patronage of the public, without any distinction, discrimination or restriction on account of race, religion, color, sex or national origin.

(b) A person who intentionally violates this section commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more

than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-9-102. Discrimination prohibited; penalties.

(a) No person shall be denied the right to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness or the necessities of life because of race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

(b) A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

6-9-103. Charging for public toilet facilities; penalty.

A person commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if he charges for use of toilet facilities which are generally available to the public.

ARTICLE 2
OTHER

6-9-201. Trespass on closed or unsafe areas within ski areas; penalty; exceptions.

(a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if he:

(i) Skis on a slope or trail that has been posted as "closed";

(ii) Knowingly enters upon public or private lands from an adjoining ski area when the lands have been closed by the owner and posted as closed by the owner or by the ski area operator; or

(iii) Intentionally enters state or federal land leased and in use as a ski area, knowing:

(A) The lessee of the premises has designated the land as an unsafe area; or

(B) The land has been posted with warning signs, prohibiting entry, which are reasonably likely to come to the attention of the public.

(b) This section does not apply to peace officers, national park or forest service officers, or persons authorized by the lessee of the premises.

6-9-202. Neglect to close fences; penalty.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) if he opens and neglects to close a gate or replace bars in a fence which crosses a private road or a river, stream or ditch.

6-9-203. Unlawful use of toxic substances; penalty.

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of a toxic substance if he inhales or ingests or possesses with the purpose to inhale or ingest, for the purpose of altering his mental or physical state, any toxic substance that is not manufactured for human consumption or inhalation.

(b) As used in this section "toxic substance" means:

(i) Volatile solvents including, but not limited to, paint thinner, gasoline, correction fluid, felt-tip markers, nail polish remover and glue;

(ii) Aerosols containing propellants and solvents such as toluene including, but not limited to, spray paint, deodorant, hair products, cooking products and fabric protectors;

(iii) Gases including, but not limited to, butane, refrigerants and organic hydrocarbons not created for human ingestion, inhalation or injection; and

(iv) Nitrates including, but not limited to cyclohexyl nitrate, amyl nitrate and butyl nitrate.

(c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a bona fide institution of higher education conducting research with human volunteers pursuant to guidelines adopted by the institution or any federal or state agency.

(d) A violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both.

SKIER SAFETY

6-9-301. Skier safety; skiing while impaired; unsafe skiing; collisions; penalties.

(a) No person shall move uphill on any passenger tramway or use any ski slope or trail while such person's ability to do so is impaired by the consumption of alcohol or by the use of any illicit controlled substance or other drug as defined by W.S. 35-7-1002.

(b) No person shall ski in reckless disregard of his safety or the safety of others.

(c) No skier involved in a collision with another person in which an injury results shall leave the vicinity of the collision before giving his name and current address to an employee of the ski area operator or a member of the ski patrol except for the purpose of securing aid for a person injured in the collision, in which event the person leaving the scene of the collision shall give his name and current address as required by this subsection within twenty-four (24) hours after securing aid.

(d) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) days, a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or both.

CHAPTER 10 SENTENCING

ARTICLE 1 GENERALLY

6-10-101. "Felony" and "misdemeanor" defined.

Crimes which may be punished by death or by imprisonment for more than one (1) year are felonies. All other crimes are misdemeanors.

6-10-102. Imposition of fine for any felony; maximum fine where not established by statute; court automation fee; indigent civil legal services fee.

The court may impose a fine as part of the punishment for any felony. If the statute does not establish a maximum fine, the

fine shall be not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The court shall impose a court automation fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) in every criminal case wherein the defendant is found guilty, enters a plea of guilty or no contest or is placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301. The fee shall be remitted as provided by W.S. 5-3-205. In addition to the court automation fee the court shall impose an indigent civil legal services fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) in every criminal case wherein the defendant is found guilty, enters a plea of guilty or no contest or is placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301 or 35-7-1037. The indigent civil legal services fee shall be remitted as provided in W.S. 5-3-205(a) (ii).

6-10-103. Penalties for misdemeanors where not prescribed by statute; court automation fee; indigent civil legal services fee.

Unless a different penalty is prescribed by law, every crime declared to be a misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or both. The court shall impose a court automation fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) in every criminal case wherein the defendant is found guilty, enters a plea of guilty or no contest or is placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301. The fee shall be remitted as provided by W.S. 5-3-205. In addition to the court automation fee the court shall impose an indigent civil legal services fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) in every criminal case wherein the defendant is found guilty, enters a plea of guilty or no contest or is placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301. The indigent civil legal services fee shall be remitted as provided in W.S. 5-3-205(a) (ii).

6-10-104. Court to fix punishment within prescribed limits.

Within the limits prescribed by law, and subject to W.S. 7-13-108, the court shall determine and fix the punishment for any felony or misdemeanor, whether the punishment consists of imprisonment, or fine, or both.

6-10-105. Commitment for refusal to pay fine or costs; rate per day.

A person committed to jail for willfully refusing to pay a fine or costs may be imprisoned if the court determines that the defendant has an ability to pay or that a reasonable probability

exists that the defendant will have an ability to pay, until the imprisonment, at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day, equals the amount of the fine or costs, or the amount shall be paid or secured to be paid when he is discharged.

6-10-106. Rights lost by conviction of felony; restoration.

(a) A person convicted of a felony is incompetent to be an elector or juror or to hold any office of honor, trust or profit within this state, unless:

(i) His conviction is reversed or annulled;

(ii) He receives a pardon;

(iii) His rights are restored pursuant to W.S. 7-13-105(a); or

(iv) His rights as an elector are restored pursuant to W.S. 7-13-105(b) and (c), in which case the person shall remain incompetent to be a juror or to hold any office of honor, trust or profit within this state.

6-10-107. Minimum term of imprisonment.

The minimum term of imprisonment in any state penal institution is not less than one (1) year.

6-10-108. Disposition of fines.

An officer who collects a fine, unless otherwise required by law, shall pay the fine into the general fund of the county in which the fine was assessed within thirty (30) days of receipt. The officer shall obtain duplicate treasurer's receipts and deposit one (1) with the county clerk.

6-10-109. Sentences for felonies.

Wherever in this or in any other title of the Wyoming statutes a statute makes reference to a term of imprisonment or a sentence to the penitentiary, or other references to incarceration in a state penal institution, such references shall include the Wyoming state penitentiary, the Wyoming women's center or any other state penal institution created by law for the incarceration of convicted felons. The place of incarceration

of a convicted felon shall be determined as provided by W.S. 7-13-108.

6-10-110. Renumbered by Laws 1987, ch. 157, § 3.

ARTICLE 2
HABITUAL CRIMINALS

6-10-201. "Habitual criminal" defined; penalties.

(a) A person is an habitual criminal if:

(i) He is convicted of a violent felony; and

(ii) He has been convicted of a felony on two (2) or more previous charges separately brought and tried which arose out of separate occurrences in this state or elsewhere.

(b) An habitual criminal shall be punished by imprisonment for:

(i) Not less than ten (10) years nor more than fifty (50) years, if he has two (2) previous convictions;

(ii) Life, if he has three (3) or more previous convictions for offenses committed after the person reached the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

6-10-202. Penalties not affected.

(a) Nothing in this article shall abrogate or affect:

(i) The punishment of death in crimes for which the death penalty is imposed;

(ii) The punishment of life imprisonment without parole in cases in which that penalty is imposed.

6-10-203. Information or indictment; trial; prima facie evidence of previous convictions.

(a) An information or indictment which charges a person as an habitual criminal shall set forth the charged felony and allege the previous convictions.

(b) The trial on the charged felony shall proceed as in other cases, but the jury shall not be informed of the previous

convictions. If the defendant is convicted of the charged felony and does not plead guilty to the charge of the previous convictions, he shall be tried immediately by the same jury or judge on the charge of the previous convictions.

(c) In a trial under this article, a duly authenticated copy of the record of previous convictions and judgments against the defendant of any court of record are prima facie evidence of the previous convictions and may be used in evidence against the defendant.

ARTICLE 3
LIFE SENTENCE WITHOUT PAROLE

6-10-301. Life imprisonment without parole; life imprisonment.

(a) Pursuant to article 3, section 53 of the Wyoming constitution, a sentence of life imprisonment without parole is created for specified crimes designated in the Wyoming Criminal Code.

(b) A person sentenced to life imprisonment without parole shall not be eligible for parole and shall remain imprisoned under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections during the remainder of his life unless pardoned by the governor.

(c) Any sentence other than a sentence specifically designated as a sentence of life imprisonment without parole is subject to commutation by the governor. A person sentenced to life imprisonment for an offense committed after the person reached the age of eighteen (18) years is not eligible for parole unless the governor has commuted the person's sentence to a term of years. A person sentenced to life imprisonment for an offense committed before the person reached the age of eighteen (18) years shall be eligible for parole after commutation of his sentence to a term of years or after having served twenty-five (25) years of incarceration, except that if the person committed any of the acts specified in W.S. 7-13-402(b) after having reached the age of eighteen (18) years the person shall not be eligible for parole.