

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0243

Child abuse.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Clem, Connolly, Hunt and Krone and Senator(s) Nicholas, P. and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; defining the type  
2 of conduct that constitutes child abuse; and providing for  
3 an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-503(a)(ii)(A), (B) and by  
8 creating a new subparagraph (C), (b)(i), (ii), by creating  
9 a new paragraph (iii) and (c) is amended to read:

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11 **6-2-503. Child abuse; penalty.**

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13 (a) A person who is not responsible for a child's  
14 welfare as defined by W.S. 14-3-202(a)(i), is guilty of

1 child abuse, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not  
2 more than five (5) years, if:

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

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7 (A) Physical injury as defined in W.S.  
8 14-3-202(a)(ii)(B); ~~or~~

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10 (B) Mental injury as defined in W.S.  
11 14-3-202(a)(ii)(A); ~~or~~ or

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13 (C) Torture, cruel confinement or  
14 punishment.

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16 (b) A person is guilty of child abuse, a felony  
17 punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5)  
18 years, if a person responsible for a child's welfare as  
19 defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(i) intentionally or recklessly  
20 inflicts upon a child under the age of eighteen (18) years:

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1 (i) Physical injury as defined in W.S.  
2 14-3-202(a)(ii)(B), excluding reasonable corporal  
3 punishment;~~or~~

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5 (ii) Mental injury as defined in W.S.  
6 14-3-202(a)(ii)(A); ~~or~~ or

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8 (iii) Torture, cruel confinement or punishment.

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

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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21 (END)