

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0033

ENROLLED ACT NO. 4, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2017 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to offenses against computer property; creating the criminal offense of computer extortion; specifying elements of the offense; providing penalties; expanding the list of computer crimes to be investigated by the division of criminal investigation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-3-507 is created to read:

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;

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(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.

Section 2. W.S. 9-1-618(b)(iv) is amended to read:

9-1-618. Agents to be safeguarded as peace officers; general assistance to state, county or local authorities; investigative duties.

(b) The division shall investigate:

(iv) Suspected violations of computer crimes as specified in W.S. 6-3-501 through ~~6-3-505~~ 6-3-507;

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2017.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk