

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

Strangulation of a household member.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hastert, Christensen and Perkins
and Representative(s) Connolly, Craft,
Davison, Gingery and Greene

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime
2 of strangulation of a household member; specifying elements
3 of the crime; providing exceptions; providing a penalty;
4 providing a definition; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-509 is created to read:

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11 **6-2-509. Strangulation of a household member;**
12 **penalty.**

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14 (a) A person is guilty of strangulation of a
15 household member if he intentionally and knowingly or
16 recklessly causes or attempts to cause bodily injury to a

1 household member by impeding the normal breathing or
2 circulation of blood by:

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

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7 (ii) Blocking the nose or mouth of the household
8 member.

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10 (b) No person shall be guilty of strangulation when
11 performing the acts described in subsection (a) of this
12 section as part of a legitimate medical or dental
13 procedure, as part of the practices of a religious belief
14 or as part of the duties of a peace officer as defined by
15 W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi).

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17 (c) Strangulation of a household member is a felony
18 punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5)
19 years.

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21 (d) For purposes of this section, "household member"
22 means as defined in W.S. 35-21-102 except parents and their
23 adult children and other adults sharing common living
24 quarters.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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