

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0060

Minor victims-release of names.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Martin, Berger, Hammons,  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; requiring courts to  
2 prohibit release of minor victims' names to protect the  
3 welfare of the minor child except as specified; amending  
4 definition of "minor victim" for purposes of releasing  
5 information regarding certain offenses; and providing for  
6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-310(b), 6-4-402(d), 6-4-403(g)  
11 and (k) and 14-3-106(b) are amended to read:

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13 **6-2-310. Names not to be released; restrictions on**  
14 **disclosure or publication of information; violations;**  
15 **penalties; effect of disclosure; "minor victim".**

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1 (b) After the filing of an information or indictment  
2 and ~~upon the~~ absent a request to release the identity of a  
3 minor victim by the victim or another acting on behalf of a  
4 minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the extent necessary~~  
5 ~~to protect the welfare of the minor victim,~~ shall restrict  
6 the disclosure or publication of information reasonably  
7 likely to identify the minor victim.

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9 **6-4-402. Incest; penalties; disclosure or publication**  
10 **of identifying information; "minor victim".**

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12 (d) After the filing of an information or indictment  
13 and ~~upon the~~ absent a request to release the identity of a  
14 minor victim by the victim or another acting on behalf of a  
15 minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the extent necessary~~  
16 ~~to protect the welfare of the minor victim,~~ shall restrict  
17 the disclosure or publication of information reasonably  
18 likely to identify the minor victim.

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20 **6-4-403. Abandoning or endangering children;**  
21 **penalties; "child"; disclosure or publication of**  
22 **identifying information; "minor victim".**

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1 (g) After the filing of an information or indictment  
2 and ~~upon the~~ absent a request to release the identity of a  
3 minor victim by the victim or another acting on behalf of a  
4 minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the extent necessary~~  
5 ~~to protect the welfare of the minor victim,~~ shall restrict  
6 the disclosure or publication of information reasonably  
7 likely to identify the minor victim.

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9 (k) As used in subsection (g) of this section, "minor  
10 victim" means a person under the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~  
11 eighteen (18) years.

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13 **14-3-106. Names not to be released; restrictions on**  
14 **disclosures or publication of information; violations;**  
15 **penalties.**

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17 (b) After the filing of an information or indictment  
18 and ~~upon the~~ absent a request to release the identity of a  
19 minor victim by the victim or another acting on behalf of a  
20 minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the extent necessary~~  
21 ~~to protect the welfare of the minor victim,~~ shall restrict  
22 the disclosure or publication of information reasonably  
23 likely to identify the minor victim.

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1       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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