

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0060

Minor victims-release of names.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Martin, Berger, Hammons, Harvey, Robinson and Warren and Senator(s) Boggs

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; amending definition of "minor
4 victim" for certain offenses; and providing for an
5 effective 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. 6-2-310(b), 6-4-402(d), 6-4-403(d),
10 (g) and (k) and 14-3-106(b) are amended to read:

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12 **6-2-310. Names not to be released; restrictions on**
13 **disclosure or publication of information; violations;**
14 **penalties; effect of disclosure; "minor victim".**

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1 (b) After the filing of an information or indictment
2 and upon the request of a minor victim or another acting on
3 behalf of a minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the~~
4 ~~extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor~~
5 ~~victim,~~ shall restrict the disclosure or publication of
6 information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.
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8 **6-4-402. Incest; penalties; disclosure or publication**
9 **of identifying information; "minor victim".**
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11 (d) After the filing of an information or indictment
12 and upon the request of a minor victim or another acting on
13 behalf of a minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the~~
14 ~~extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor~~
15 ~~victim,~~ shall restrict the disclosure or publication of
16 information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.
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18 **6-4-403. Abandoning or endangering children;**
19 **penalties; "child"; disclosure or publication of**
20 **identifying information; "minor victim".**
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22 (d) As used in this section, "child" means a person
23 under the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years.
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1 (g) After the filing of an information or indictment
2 and upon the request of a minor victim or another acting on
3 behalf of a minor victim, the trial court ~~may, to the~~
4 ~~extent necessary to protect the welfare of the minor~~
5 ~~victim, shall~~ restrict the disclosure or publication of
6 information reasonably likely to identify the minor victim.

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

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12 **14-3-106. Names not to be released; restrictions on**
13 **disclosures or publication of information; violations;**
14 **penalties.**

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

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

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