

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0120

Assisted suicide.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Davison, Brechtel, Jaggi, McKim and Petersen and Senator(s) Cooper, Meier and Peterson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime  
2 of assisting suicide; providing a penalty; providing  
3 exceptions; and providing for 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. 6-2-701 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 7

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ASSISTING SUICIDE

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12 **6-2-701. Assisting suicide.**

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14 (a) A person who has knowledge that another person  
15 intends to commit or attempt to commit suicide and who does  
16 either of the following with the intention of enabling or

1 facilitating the suicide commits the offense of assisting  
2 suicide:

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4 (i) Provides the physical means by which the  
5 other person attempts or commits suicide;

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7 (ii) Participates in a physical act by which the  
8 other person attempts to commit or commits suicide.

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10 (b) Assisting suicide is a felony punishable by  
11 imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than twenty  
12 (20) years.

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14 (c) This section does not apply to:

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16 (i) A licensed health care provider who  
17 administers, prescribes or dispenses medications or  
18 procedures to relieve a person's pain or discomfort, even  
19 if the medication or procedure may hasten or increase the  
20 risk of death, unless the medications or procedures are  
21 intended to cause death;

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23 (ii) The withholding or withdrawing of medical  
24 treatment or life-prolonging procedures by a licensed

1 health care provider, pursuant to but not limited to an  
2 advance health care directive under the Wyoming Health Care  
3 Decisions Act, a cardiopulmonary resuscitation directive  
4 authorized under W.S. 35-22-201 through 35-22-208, or a  
5 psychiatric advance directive authorized under W.S.  
6 35-22-301 through 35-22-308.

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8       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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