

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0231

Motor vehicle accidents-serious bodily injury or death.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harvey, Bonner, Buchanan,
Carson and Quarberg and Senator(s) Geis and
Peterson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring an appearance
2 in court as specified; providing an additional penalty for
3 violations resulting in accidents with serious bodily
4 injury or death as specified; providing for a permanent
5 driver's record of convictions for accidents involving
6 serious bodily injury or death; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1201 by creating a new
12 subsection (h) and 31-7-120(a)(iv) are amended to read:

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14 **31-5-1201. Violation of provisions to constitute**
15 **misdemeanor; penalties.**

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2 (h) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident
3 resulting in the death or serious bodily injury, as defined
4 by W.S. 31-5-233(h), of another person shall, if issued a
5 citation for a moving violation under this act, be required
6 to appear personally in court for the disposition of the
7 citation. If the driver is convicted of the moving
8 violation, except a conviction under W.S. 31-5-233(h), and
9 the death or serious bodily injury was the direct result of
10 the conduct constituting the moving violation, the driver
11 shall be subject to the following penalties in addition to
12 any other penalties prescribed by law:

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14 (i) For a first conviction be punished by a fine
15 of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), by
16 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both;

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18 (ii) For a second or subsequent conviction
19 resulting in serious bodily injury within one (1) year
20 thereafter, be punished by a fine of not more than one
21 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not
22 more than one (1) year, or both.

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24 **31-7-120. Records to be kept by division; exceptions.**

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2 (a) The division shall maintain a readily available
3 file of and suitable indexes for:

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5 (iv) All accident reports and abstracts of court
6 records of convictions received under the laws of this
7 state with suitable notations for each licensee showing the
8 convictions of the licensee and the traffic accidents in
9 which he has been involved. Any conviction for violation of
10 W.S. 31-5-1201(h) shall be notated on the licensee's record
11 for a period of ten (10) years following the conviction.

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

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