

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0231

Motor vehicle accidents-serious bodily injury.

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; providing an additional  
2 penalty for violations resulting in accidents with serious  
3 bodily injury as specified; providing for a permanent  
4 driver's record of convictions for accidents involving  
5 serious bodily injury or death; providing for suspension or  
6 revocation of licenses for violations resulting in  
7 accidents with serious bodily injury or death as specified;  
8 and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1201 by creating a new  
13 subsection (h), 31-7-120(a)(iv), 31-7-127(a) by creating a  
14 new paragraph (viii) and 31-7-128 by creating a new  
15 subsection (o) are amended to read:

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1           31-5-1201. Violation of provisions to constitute  
2 misdemeanor; penalties.

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4           (h) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident  
5 resulting in serious bodily injury or death of another  
6 person shall, if issued a citation for a violation of this  
7 act related to the accident and notwithstanding W.S.  
8 31-5-1206(b), be required to appear personally in court for  
9 the disposition of the citation. In addition to the  
10 penalties prescribed by subsection (b) of this section, if  
11 the conduct constituting a violation causes, either solely  
12 or in combination with another driver's unlawful act, an  
13 accident that results in serious bodily injury or death of  
14 another, the person convicted of the violation shall:

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

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

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2           **31-7-120. Records to be kept by division; exceptions.**

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

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

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15           **31-7-127. Mandatory revocation of license for certain**  
16 **violations.**

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18           (a) The division shall revoke the license or  
19 nonresident operating privilege of any person, upon receipt  
20 of a record of conviction of the person of any of the  
21 following violations:

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23                   (viii) Conviction under W.S. 31-5-1201(h)(ii).

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1           31-7-128. Mandatory suspension of license or  
2 nonresident operating privilege for certain violations;  
3 suspension of registration.

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5           (o) The division shall suspend the license or  
6 nonresident operating privilege of any driver for ninety  
7 (90) days upon receiving a record of the driver's  
8 conviction under W.S. 31-5-1201(h)(i).

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

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