

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0178

Sexual assault-disclosure.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Krone, Burkhardt, Esquibel,
K., Hunt, Northrup, Petroff and Stubson and
Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; providing for
2 release of the name of the alleged actor in a sexual abuse
3 violation as specified; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-319(a) is amended to read:

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10 **6-2-319. Name not to be released; restrictions on**
11 **disclosures or publication of information; violations;**
12 **penalties.**

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14 (a) Prior to the filing of an information or
15 indictment in district court charging a violation of an
16 offense under this article, neither the ~~names of the~~

1 ~~alleged actor or~~ name of the victim of the charged offense
2 nor any other information reasonably likely to disclose the
3 identity of the victim shall be released or negligently
4 allowed to be released to the public by any public employee
5 except as authorized by the judge with jurisdiction over
6 the criminal charges. The actor's name may be released to
7 the public to aid or facilitate an arrest. The actor's name
8 may also be released for any other reason if the release of
9 the name is not reasonably likely to disclose the identity
10 of the victim.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

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