

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0110

Crime of harboring a sex offender.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Pedersen, Cohee, Harvey,  
Hinckley and Luthi and Senator(s) Peterson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; establishing the  
2 crime of harboring a sex offender who fails to register in  
3 accordance with the law; providing penalties; and providing  
4 for an effective 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. 7-19-308 is created to read:

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10 **7-19-308. Harboring a sex offender; penalties;**  
11 **exceptions.**

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13 (a) A person is guilty of a felony punishable by  
14 imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of  
15 not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both,  
16 if the person has reason to believe that a sex offender who

1 is required to register under W.S. 7-19-302 is not  
2 complying, or has not complied, with the requirements of  
3 W.S. 7-19-302 and who, with the intent to assist the sex  
4 offender in eluding a law enforcement agency that is  
5 seeking to find the sex offender to question the sex  
6 offender about, or to arrest the sex offender for, his  
7 noncompliance with the requirements of W.S. 7-19-302, and  
8 the person:

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10 (i) Withholds information from, or fails to  
11 notify, the law enforcement agency about the sex offender's  
12 noncompliance with the requirements of W.S. 7-19-302, and,  
13 if known, the location of the sex offender;

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15 (ii) Harbors, or attempts to harbor, or assists  
16 another person in harboring or attempting to harbor, the  
17 sex offender;

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19 (iii) Conceals or attempts to conceal, or  
20 assists another person in concealing or attempting to  
21 conceal, the sex offender; or

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1                   (iv) Provides information to the law enforcement  
2 agency regarding the sex offender which the person knows to  
3 be false.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply if the sex offender is incarcerated in a local, state or federal detention or correctional facility, or is in the custody of a law enforcement agency.

10           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

12 (END)