

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0070

Wyoming Court Security Act of 2012.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Botten and Senator(s) Perkins

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to firearms; prohibiting the carrying of
2 firearms into specified buildings; providing penalties; and
3 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. 6-8-105 is created to read:

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9 **6-8-105. Carrying or possessing firearms in a secured**
10 **court building; penalties.**

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12 (a) No person shall carry or possess a firearm beyond
13 the secured entrance to any building, or the secured
14 entrance to designated parts thereof, during such times
15 that such secured entrance:

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1 (i) Has a guard post staffed by a uniformed and
2 armed security guard or peace officer;

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4 (ii) Has been conspicuously posted with signs in
5 accordance with subsection (b) of this section; and

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7 (iii) Which features one (1) or more of the
8 following security measures to identify and exclude
9 unauthorized persons or hazardous or unauthorized articles:

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11 (A) Magnetometers or similar metal
12 detection devices;

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14 (B) X-ray or similar scanning devices;

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16 (C) Card-based or biometric access devices;

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19 (D) Doors that are intended to remain
20 locked at all times that have key access, or doors or gates
21 with remotely activated locks and intercom or video
22 monitoring equipment.

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1 (b) Signs shall be posted at all entrances to the
2 building, or part of a building, which are secured as
3 specified in subsection (a) of this section. The signs
4 shall be posted at a height of between five (5) and six (6)
5 feet above the ground or floor and positioned so as to
6 provide an unobstructed view to those using the entrance to
7 the secured area. The signs shall be at least eight (8)
8 inches tall by ten (10) inches wide and shall contain the
9 following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to
10 W.S. 6-8-105, weapons are prohibited in this building
11 beyond this point. Violators are subject to criminal
12 penalties."

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14 (c) This section shall not apply to:

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16 (i) Peace officers while engaged in the
17 performance of their official duties;

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19 (ii) A person who has been specifically
20 authorized to carry or possess a firearm in the building,
21 or parts thereof, by the board of county commissioners of
22 the county in which the building is located or by any judge
23 operating in the building; or

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1 (iii) Any part of the building which may be
2 entered without first passing through a secured entrance as
3 described in subsection (a) of this section.

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5 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
6 authorize the possession of a firearm anywhere where
7 prohibited by federal law or to authorize the possession of
8 a concealed firearm where prohibited by W.S. 6-8-104(t).

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10 (e) Any person carrying or possessing a firearm in
11 violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
12 punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars
13 (\$500.00) for a first offense. A second or subsequent
14 offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than
15 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment in the
16 county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both.

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18 (f) As used in this section:

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20 (i) "Building" means a county building
21 containing a district court or a circuit court;

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1 (ii) "Firearm" means any weapon which will or is
2 designed to expel any projectile by the action of an
3 explosive.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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