

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0216

Deadly weapons in a courtroom.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Gingery, Jaggi and
Kroeker

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating a felony
2 for possessing a deadly weapon in a courtroom; providing
3 specific authority to a presiding judge to determine who
4 may carry a weapon in a courtroom as specified; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-1-104(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (xvi) and by renumbering (xvi) as (xvii) and
11 6-5-209 are amended to read:

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13 **6-1-104. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this act, unless otherwise defined:

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1 (xvi) "Courtroom" means a room in which a judge
2 presides over a court of law;

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4 ~~(xvi)~~ (xvii) "This act" means title 6 of the
5 Wyoming statutes.

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7 **6-5-209. Taking deadly weapons into jails, penal**
8 **institutions, mental hospitals or courtrooms; penalties.**

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10 (a) Except as authorized by a person in charge, a
11 person commits a felony punishable by imprisonment for not
12 more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten
13 thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both, if that person
14 takes or passes a deadly weapon into a jail, a state penal
15 institution, the Wyoming boys' school, Wyoming girls'
16 school, a correctional facility operated by a private
17 entity pursuant to W.S. 7-22-102, a courtroom or the state
18 hospital.

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20 (b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a
21 presiding judge from carrying a weapon or determining who
22 may carry a weapon in the courtroom.

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