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Chapter No.: 63

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Stalking revisions.

Subject: Amendments to the criminal offense of stalking and penalties.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the existing crime of stalking and its penalties. This act increases the maximum penalty for a first offense from six (6) months to one (1) year imprisonment, and allows the court to impose a sentence of probation for up to three years for a first offense. This act amends the “look back” period that limits the subsequent offense enhancement from within five (5) years of a prior conviction to within five (5) years of the completion of the sentence. The act also amends the provision that grades stalking as a felony if committed in violation of a stalking protective order to include violations of domestic violence protection orders issued under W.S. 35-21-104 or 35-21-105.
- This act clarifies that jurisdiction for an offense includes any place where:
 - An act of stalking was initiated;
 - A communication was received by the victim; or
 - An act of stalking caused an effect on the victim.
- This act amends the definition of “harass” to mean a course of conduct that the defendant knew or should have known would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, fear for their safety or others, or their property.

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