

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0215

Child endangerment penalties-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Tass

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending penalties
2 for the crime of abandoning or endangering children as
3 specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for an
4 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. 6-4-403(c) and by creating a new
9 subsection (m) is amended to read:

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11 **6-4-403. Abandoning or endangering children;**
12 **penalties; "child"; disclosure or publication of identifying**
13 **information; "minor victim".**

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15 (c) Except as provided in subsection (m) of this
16 section, a person violating this section is guilty of a

1 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one
2 (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
3 (\$1,000.00), or both. A person convicted of a second violation
4 of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by
5 imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, a fine of not
6 more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

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8 (m) A parent, guardian or lawful custodian violating
9 paragraph (a)(ii) of this section that results in sexual
10 assault of the child, as defined in W.S. 6-2-301(a)(v), or
11 child abuse of the child under W.S. 6-2-503(a) or (b) is
12 guilty of a felony:

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14 (i) Punishable by imprisonment for not more than
15 five (5) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars
16 (\$5,000.00), or both, for a first conviction;

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18 (ii) Punishable by imprisonment for not more than
19 ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars
20 (\$10,000.00), or both, for a second or subsequent conviction.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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