

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0092

Impersonation through electronic means.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lubnau, Blikre, Jaggi and
Kasperik and Senator(s) Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating a crime
2 for impersonation through electronic means as specified;
3 providing penalties; providing definitions; authorizing
4 civil relief for damages; and providing for an effective
5 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. 6-3-902 is created to read:

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11 **6-3-902. Unlawful impersonation through electronic**
12 **means; penalties; definitions; civil remedies.**

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14 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
15 person who knowingly and without consent intentionally
16 impersonates another actual person through, or on, an

1 internet website or by other electronic means, including,
2 but not limited to spoofing, is guilty of a misdemeanor
3 punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
4 (\$1,000), imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or
5 both.

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7 (b) For purposes of this section:

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9 (i) "Electronic means" includes opening an
10 e-mail account or an account or profile on a site
11 transmitted via the internet;

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13 (ii) "Internet" means as defined in W.S.
14 9-2-1035(a)(iii);

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16 (iii) "Spoofing" means falsifying the name and
17 phone number appearing on caller identification systems.

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19 (c) In addition to any other civil remedy available,
20 a person who suffers damage or loss by reason of a
21 violation of subsection (a) of this section may bring a
22 civil action against the violator for compensatory damages
23 and injunctive relief or other equitable relief.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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