

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0243

ENROLLED ACT NO. 94, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; defining the type of conduct that constitutes child abuse; providing for an increase in penalties as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 6-2-503(a)(intro), (ii)(A), (B), by creating a new subparagraph (C), (b)(intro), (i), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (iii) and (c) is amended to read:

**6-2-503. Child abuse; penalty.**

(a) A person who is not responsible for a child's welfare as defined by W.S. 14-3-202(a)(i), is guilty of child abuse, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years, if:

(ii) The actor intentionally or recklessly inflicts upon a child under the age of sixteen (16) years:

(A) Physical injury as defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(ii)(B); ~~or~~

(B) Mental injury as defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(ii)(A); ~~or~~ or

(C) Torture or cruel confinement.

(b) A person is guilty of child abuse, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years, if a person responsible for a child's welfare as defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(i) intentionally or recklessly inflicts upon a child under the age of eighteen (18) years:

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(i) Physical injury as defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(ii)(B), excluding reasonable corporal punishment;~~or~~

(ii) Mental injury as defined in W.S. 14-3-202(a)(ii)(A); ~~or~~ or

(iii) Torture or cruel confinement.

(c) Aggravated child abuse is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty-five (25) years if in the course of committing the crime of child abuse, as defined in subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the person intentionally or recklessly inflicts serious bodily injury upon the victim or the person intentionally inflicts substantial mental or emotional injury upon the victim by the torture or cruel confinement of the victim.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk