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ORIGINAL SENATE FILE NO. 0132

ENROLLED ACT NO. 82, SENATE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the crime of strangulation of a household member; specifying elements of the crime; providing a penalty; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-2-509 is created to read:

6-2-509. Strangulation of a household member; penalty.

(a) A person is guilty of strangulation of a household member if he intentionally and knowingly or recklessly causes or attempts to cause bodily injury to a household member by impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood by:

(i) Applying pressure on the throat or neck of the household member; or

(ii) Blocking the nose and mouth of the household member.

(b) Strangulation of a household member is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years.

(c) For purposes of this section, "household member" means as defined in W.S. 35-21-102(a)(iv)(A) through (D), (G) and (H).

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk