HOUSE BILL NO. HB0069

Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image.

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A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating an offense for the nonconsensual dissemination of an intimate image; specifying elements of the offense; providing definitions; providing penalties; providing exemptions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-4-305 is created to read:

6-4-305. Unlawful dissemination of intimate images; definitions; penalties; exemptions from liability.

(a) As used in this section:
(i) "Disseminate" means to sell, distribute, deliver, provide, exhibit or otherwise make available to a third party, but shall not include displaying an intimate image to a third party in private;

(ii) "Explicit sexual conduct" means actual or simulated sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital or oral-anal, between persons of the same or opposite sex or masturbation;

(iii) "Intimate image" means a photograph, motion picture film, videotape, digital image or any other recording or transmission of another person who is identifiable from the image itself or from information displayed with or otherwise connected to the image that depicts an individual's intimate parts or an individual engaged in explicit sexual conduct;

(iv) "Intimate parts" means the external genitalia, perineum, anus or pubes of any person or the breast of a female person.
(b) A person commits the crime of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image if:

(i) He knowingly and with malice or with reckless disregard disseminates an intimate image of another person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older;

(ii) The intimate image was captured under circumstances in which the depicted person had a reasonable expectation of privacy; and

(iii) The person knows or should have known that the person depicted in the intimate image did not consent to the dissemination of the intimate image and had a reasonable expectation that the intimate image would remain private.

(c) A first conviction under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), or both.
(d) A second or subsequent conviction under this section is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), or both.

(e) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to impose liability on a provider of an electronic communication service as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2510(15), an information service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(24), a mobile service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(33), including a commercial mobile service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 332(d)(1), a telecommunication service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(53), an interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 230(f)(2), a cable service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 522(6) or any service or facility that enables the provision of services specified in this subsection.

(f) This section shall not apply to the dissemination of an intimate image that:

(i) The depicted person voluntarily allowed to be disseminated; or
(ii) Is related to:

(A) Lawful practices of a law enforcement agency;

(B) Prosecutorial agency functions;

(C) The reporting of a criminal offense; or

(D) Court or judicial proceedings.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2016.