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62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

HB0178, Computer trespass.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Nicholas, B. and Senator(s) Nicholas, P.

Aye votes: Representatives Baker, Barlow, Berger, Blake, Blevins, Blikre, Brown, Burkhart, Campbell, Cannady, Coleman, Connolly, Davison, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Filer, Freeman, Gay, Gingery, Goggles, Greear, Greene, Halverson, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Hutchings, Jaggi, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Kroeker, Krone, Larsen, Loucks, Lubnau, Madden, Mader, McKim, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Northrup, Patton, Paxton, Petroff, Piiparinen, Reeder, Semlek, Sommers, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Walters, Watt, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Craft, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross, Schiffer, Scott and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Byrd and Miller Senators Rothfuss

Signed by the Governor.

Comments

Creates the misdemeanor of computer trespass for invading a computer, including delivering malware to it. It also makes computer trespass a cause of civil action. While government should be in the business of preventing trespass, this bill is no substitute for good computer security practices.

U: The fiscal or personnel impact is not determinable. This bill creates a new crime (computer trespass) in the pleonastic style that lawyers are so fond of. Insofar as property is one of the cornerstones of Liberty, this is a step in the right direction and is consistent with the unfortunate lawyerly approach of the Wyoming State code.

Weighted Rating: 1.00. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

Categories

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