

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0231

Firearm possession-allow felons antique firearms.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Loucks, Blackburn, Hunt and  
Lindholm and Senator(s) Case and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to firearms; allowing those having  
2 previously pled guilty or been convicted of a felony to  
3 possess antique firearms; and providing for an effective  
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-8-102, 6-8-403(a) by creating a new  
9 paragraph (viii) and 6-8-404(c) (i) and (d) (ii) are amended  
10 to read:

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12 **6-8-102. Use or possession of firearm by person**  
13 **convicted of certain felony offenses; penalties; exception.**

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1       (a) Any person who has previously pleaded guilty to  
2 or been convicted of committing or attempting to commit a  
3 violent felony or a felony under W.S. 6-5-204(b), and has  
4 not been pardoned and who uses or knowingly possesses any  
5 firearm is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment  
6 for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than  
7 five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

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9       (b) As used in this section "firearm" does not  
10 include an "antique firearm" as defined in W.S.  
11 6-8-403(a)(viii).

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13       **6-8-403. Definitions.**

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15       (a) As used in this act:

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17               (viii) "Antique firearm" means:

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19                       (A) Any firearm (including any firearm with  
20 a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of  
21 ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898; or

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1                   (B) Any replica of any firearm described in  
2 subparagraph (A) if such replica:

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4                   (I) Is not designed or redesigned for  
5 using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition;  
6 or

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8                   (II) Uses rimfire or conventional  
9 centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured  
10 in the United States and which is not readily available in  
11 the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

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13           **6-8-404. Regulation by state of firearms, firearms**  
14 **accessories, ammunition and antique firearms manufactured**  
15 **in Wyoming; exceptions.**

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17           (c) To possess a firearm covered by this section a  
18 person shall:

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20                   (i) Not have been convicted of any felony in any  
21 state, territory or other jurisdiction of the United  
22 States. This paragraph shall not apply to antique firearms;

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1           (d) To purchase a firearm covered by this section a  
2 person shall:

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4           (ii) Not have been convicted of any felony in  
5 any state, territory or other jurisdiction of the United  
6 States. This paragraph shall not apply to antique firearms;

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8           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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