Internet Related Statute Summary

By the Wyoming CAN (Cybersecurity Action Network) Committee, Summary created May 2025, Updated Jun 2026

Why?

The Wyoming CAN Committee is a grassroots committee that formed in June 2019 to create a state cybersecurity education and awareness strategy for our citizens, senior citizens, students, and small organizations. In that process the Committee reviewed Wyoming's state statutes and found them to be woefully out of date, sometimes contrary to best practices, and, most likely unenforceable. Since then, we have failed to find a legislative sponsor to update the laws.

Overall Recommendations for Change

In each statute, the penalties should be made proportional to the loss of time and money instead of a stated amount. This will require less updating of the statutes over time.

In many of the statutes, the definitions need to be revisited for outdated wording and to be updated. The WyoCAN Committee has noted this where appropriate.

One legislative committee should be assigned consistent review duties to ensure these statutes remain updated with new digital computing innovations.

List of Statutes that Need Updates

Title 6 Article 5 – Assault & Battery	6-2-506 Stalking, penalty *DONE re: Prairie Wife in Heels* 6-2-507. Abuse, neglect, abandonment, intimidation or exploitation of a vulnerable adult; penalties. 6-2-402. Blackmail; aggravated blackmail; penalties. Added 1/5/26; combine with ransomware and add sextortion. 6-6-103. Telephone calls; unlawful acts; penalties; communicating a threat of bodily injury or death; place of commission of crime.
Title 6 Article 9: Theft of Identity	6-3-901 Unauthorized Use of Personal Identifying Information 6-3-902 Unlawful Impersonation through Electronic Means
Title 6 Article 5: Computer Crimes	6-3-501 Computer Crimes Definitions 6-3-502 Crimes Against Intellectual Property 6-3-504 Crimes Against Computer Users 6-3-506 Computer Trespass 6-3-507 Computer Extortion
Title 6 Article 8: Credit Card Fraud	6-3-802 Unlawful Use of Credit Card 6-3-803 Unlawful Skimming of Credit, Debit, or Other Electronic Payment Cards
Title 40 Chapter 12, Article 1: Consumer Protection	40-12-102 Definitions 40-12-103 Unsolicited Merchandise, 401-12-104 Home Solicitation Sales 40-12-105 Unlawful Practices
Title 40 Chapter 12, Article 5: Credit Freeze Reports	40-12-501 Definitions 40-12-502 Computer Security Breach 40-12-503 Security Freeze 40-12-504 Permanent removal or temporary lift of security freeze; requirements and timing. 40-12-505 Exceptions 40-12-506 Fees for security freeze 40-12-507 Changes to information in a credit report subject to a security freeze 40-12-508 Violations; penalties 40-12-509 Factual declaration of innocence after identity theft

Are there any laws the WyoCAN Committee would recommend adding or incorporating into new statutes?

At this time, no legislative sponsor has expressed interest in adding these laws, yet we hope that the Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology, and Digital Innovation Technology will review as they have time.

AI and Large Language Model – Colorado's law could be used as a blueprint.
https://www.forbes.com/sites/alonzomartinez/2024/05/17/colorado-passes-groundbreaking-ai-discrimination-law-impacting-employers/

General Data Privacy law: Colorado and Montana have good legislation on data protection and privacy.

Data Privacy & Protection – HB0101 from 2020 is a good first draft.
https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2020/HB0101

E-Mail and Internet of Things Requirements

For health care providers (PHI – patient health information) they must use HIPAA compliant e-mail and they must show proof. No free e-mail like Yahoo or Gmail. Other businesses that deal with sensitive data must use compliant e-mail system. Example: realtors and accountants.

Internet Service Providers

- Are selling our data but we should not allow that. Our privacy is being violated and profited from.
- Consumer Advocacy: It is my data and if you take it I should know what you are doing with it.
- Explicit permission from the consumer should be given.

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