

**CHAPTER 169**

**ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN PROTECTION ORDERS**

Original House Bill No. 138

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; making violation of valid foreign protection orders a criminal offense; providing penalty for violation of valid foreign protection order; providing definition and presumption of validity; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 6-4-404 is amended to read:

**6-4-404. Violation of order of protection; penalty.**

(a) Any person who willfully violates an order of protection issued pursuant to W.S. 35-21-104 or 35-21-105, or valid foreign protection order as defined in subsection (b) of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(b) A foreign protection order shall be deemed valid if the issuing court had jurisdiction over the parties and matter under the law of the state, tribe or territory. There shall be a presumption in favor of validity where an order, on its face, appears in compliance with these requirements.

**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 1, 1997.