

SENATE FILE NO. SF0105

Hospital licensing-moratorium.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Craft and Scott and  
Representative(s) Davison, Filer and Wilson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to hospital licensing; providing for a  
2 temporary moratorium on new hospital licensing; providing  
3 for a study, report and legislative recommendations;  
4 providing for review of the moratorium and hospital access  
5 issues by an interim committee as specified; providing for  
6 a sunset date on the moratorium; and providing for an  
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-2-913 is created to read:

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13 **35-2-913. Licensing moratorium.**

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15 (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this  
16 chapter, the department shall not issue a new license under

1 this act for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31,  
2 2015. Licenses issued prior to April 1, 2014 and which are  
3 not expired or under revocation or suspension, may be  
4 renewed annually as provided in this chapter.

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6 (b) This section is repealed effective March 31,  
7 2015.

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9 **Section 2.**

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11 (a) The department of health shall conduct a study to  
12 determine the amount of cost shifting resulting from  
13 hospitals' participation in the Medicare, Medicaid and  
14 Tricare programs and hospitals' bad debts or charity care.

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16 (b) For purposes of this study, cost shifting shall  
17 be defined as any increased amount included in the hospital  
18 bills of private pay or privately insured patients that is  
19 attributable to the hospital's participation in the  
20 Medicare, Medicaid or Tricare program, or to the hospital's  
21 charity care and bad debts.

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23 (c) In conducting the study pursuant to this section,  
24 the department shall use its own data and readily available

1 data. Data from other states or national data shall not be  
2 the basis for the study unless that data can be adjusted  
3 for actual Wyoming Medicare and Medicaid payment rates.

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5 (d) The department shall make an interim progress  
6 report of its study to the joint labor, health and social  
7 services interim committee by December 1, 2014, with a  
8 final report by October 1, 2015. The final report shall  
9 include any recommended statutory changes to the hospital  
10 licensure statutes.

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12 (e) The joint labor, health and social services  
13 interim committee shall review current standards for  
14 hospital licensing in Wyoming and the effect of federal  
15 health care reform on patient access to hospitals. The  
16 committee shall submit any legislative proposals to  
17 continue or modify standards for hospital licensing in the  
18 state before the 2016 budget session of the Wyoming  
19 legislature.

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1           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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