

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0095

Involuntary commitment examiners.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harvey, Craft, Petersen and Shepperson and Senator(s) Landen and Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to hospitalization of mentally ill persons;
2 amending the definition of examiner for purposes of
3 involuntary detention; providing that involuntary detention
4 and involuntary hospitalization hearings not be combined
5 under specified circumstances; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 25-10-101(a)(iv) and 25-10-110(f) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **25-10-101. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (iv) "Examiner" means a licensed psychiatrist, a
2 licensed physician, ~~a licensed advanced practitioner of~~
3 ~~nursing~~ an advanced practice registered nurse with a
4 clinical specialty in psychiatric and mental health nursing
5 working in collaboration with a licensed physician, a
6 licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, a
7 licensed addictions therapist, a licensed clinical social
8 worker or a licensed marriage and family therapist. For
9 purposes of emergency detention proceedings only,
10 "examiner" includes a licensed physician's assistant;
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12 **25-10-110. Involuntary hospitalization proceedings.**
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14 (f) If the examiner reports the proposed patient is
15 not mentally ill, the court shall terminate the
16 proceedings. If the examiner reports the proposed patient
17 is mentally ill, the court shall fix a date for and give
18 notice of a hearing to be held as soon as possible. The
19 notice shall satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (d)(i)
20 through (vi) of this section. If a licensed physician's
21 assistant was the examiner of the proposed patient for
22 purposes of the patient's emergency detention, a hearing
23 regarding involuntary hospitalization of that patient shall
24 not be combined with the emergency detention hearing.

