

SENATE FILE NO. SF0057

Freestanding emergency center.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing a
2 definition for freestanding emergency centers; including
3 freestanding emergency centers in the definition of a
4 health care facility for purposes of licensure as
5 specified; providing licensure exceptions for free standing
6 emergency centers as specified; specifying licensure
7 requirements for special districts that operate
8 freestanding emergency centers as specified; and providing
9 for an effective date.

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

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

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15 **35-2-913. Exceptions.**

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2 (a) No freestanding emergency center shall require
3 separate licensure under this act when operated by the
4 provider based emergency department of a Wyoming licensed
5 hospital.

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7 (b) On and before June 30, 2019, freestanding
8 emergency centers operated by a hospital district or rural
9 health care district shall not require licensure under this
10 act provided a hospital transfer agreement is in place.

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12 (c) On and after July 1, 2019, freestanding emergency
13 centers operated by a hospital district or rural health
14 care district shall comply with all licensure requirements
15 of this act.

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17 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-2-901(a)(x), by creating a new
18 paragraph (xxvi) and by amending and renumbering (xxvi) as
19 (xxvii) and 42-6-102(a)(ii) and (iii)(B) are amended to
20 read:

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22 **35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.**

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1 (a) As used in this act:

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3 (x) "Health care facility" means any ambulatory
4 surgical center, assisted living facility, adult day care
5 facility, adult foster care home, alternative eldercare
6 home, birthing center, boarding home, freestanding
7 diagnostic testing center, home health agency, hospice,
8 hospital, freestanding emergency center, intermediate care
9 facility for people with intellectual disability, medical
10 assistance facility, nursing care facility, rehabilitation
11 facility and renal dialysis center;

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13 (xxvi) "Freestanding emergency center" means a
14 facility operated by a Wyoming hospital at a physical
15 location separate from the hospital, a hospital district or
16 a rural health care district that provides services
17 twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for
18 life threatening emergency medical conditions;

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20 ~~(xxvi)~~ (xxvii) "This act" means W.S. 35-2-901
21 through ~~35-2-912~~ 35-2-913.

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23 **42-6-102. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this act:

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4 (ii) "Adult foster care home" means any family
5 home or facility in which residential care is provided in a
6 homelike environment for five (5) or fewer adults who are
7 not related to the provider by blood, marriage or adoption,
8 except in special circumstances. "Adult foster care home"
9 does not include any residential facility otherwise
10 licensed or funded by the state of Wyoming. The homes shall
11 be regulated in accordance with W.S. 35-2-901 through
12 ~~35-2-912~~ 35-2-913 and this act which shall govern in case
13 of conflict;

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15 (iii) "Alternative eldercare home" means a
16 facility and program which:

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18 (B) Shall be licensed as a health care
19 facility pursuant to W.S. 35-2-901 through ~~35-2-912~~
20 35-2-913;

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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