

SENATE FILE NO. SF0098

Involuntary commitment-standards for commitment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peterson and Bebout and Representative(s) Barlow

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the hospitalization of mentally ill
2 persons; amending the standards for involuntary commitment;
3 and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 25-10-101(a)(ii)(C) is amended to
8 read:

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

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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14 (ii) "Dangerous to himself or others" means
15 that, as a result of mental illness, a person:

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(C) Evidences behavior manifested by recent acts or omissions that, due to mental illness, he is unable to satisfy basic needs for nourishment, essential medical care, shelter or safety so that a substantial probability exists that death, serious physical injury, serious physical debilitation, serious mental debilitation, destabilization from lack of or refusal to take prescribed psychotropic medications for a diagnosed condition or serious physical disease will imminently ensue, unless the individual receives prompt and adequate treatment for this mental illness. No person, however, shall be deemed to be unable to satisfy his need for nourishment, essential medical care, shelter or safety if he is able to satisfy those needs with the supervision and assistance of others who are willing and available. No person qualifying for treatment under W.S. 25-10-110 by virtue of satisfying only the elements of this subparagraph shall receive the treatment on an inpatient basis;

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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