

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0074

Investigation of communicable diseases.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wostenberg, Harvey, Osborn
and Robinson and Senator(s) Boggs and Massie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; clarifying
2 provisions pertaining to the investigation of communicable
3 diseases and quarantine by the state and county health
4 officers; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-4-103 is amended to read:

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10 **35-4-103. Investigation of diseases; quarantine;**
11 **regulation of travel; employment of police officers to**
12 **enforce quarantine; report of county health officer;**
13 **supplies and expenses.**

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15 ~~It shall be the duty of~~The department of health shall,
16 immediately after the receipt of ~~the~~ information that there

1 is any smallpox, cholera, scarlet fever, diphtheria or
2 other infectious or contagious disease, which is a menace
3 to the public health, in any portion of this state, ~~to~~
4 order the county health officer ~~by telegram or telephone,~~
5 ~~if he is not at hand to proceed immediately to said case~~
6 ~~and there~~ to immediately investigate ~~said the~~ case ~~or~~
7 ~~eases,~~ and ~~to~~ report to the state health officer, ~~by~~
8 ~~telephone or telegram,~~ the results of ~~said the~~
9 investigation, ~~and it shall be the duty of~~ The state
10 health officer, shall subject to W.S. 35-4-112 and if in
11 his judgment the occasion requires, ~~to~~ direct the county
12 health officer to declare ~~said the~~ infected place to be in
13 quarantine, ~~and to~~ The county health officer shall place
14 any ~~and all~~ restrictions upon the ingress and egress
15 ~~thereat~~ at this location as in his judgment, or in the
16 judgment of the state health officer ~~shall be~~ is necessary
17 to prevent the spread of the disease from the infected
18 locality, ~~and it shall be the duty of~~ The ~~said~~ county
19 health officer ~~when he shall have declared~~ shall upon
20 declaring any city, ~~or~~ town or other place to be in
21 quarantine, ~~so to~~ control the population of ~~said the~~ city,
22 town or other place, ~~and make such disposition of the same,~~
23 as ~~shall~~ in his judgment best ~~protect~~ protects the people
24 and at the same time ~~prevent~~ prevents the spread of the

1 disease. ~~among the same. And when deemed~~ If necessary for
2 the protection of the public health and subject to W.S.
3 35-4-112, the state health officer shall establish and
4 maintain a state quarantine, ~~and shall enforce such~~
5 practical regulations regarding railroads, ~~stage lines,~~ or
6 other lines of travel into and out of the state of Wyoming
7 as ~~they so deem proper and~~ necessary for the protection of
8 the public health. ~~, and~~ The expenses incurred in
9 maintaining ~~said the~~ state quarantine shall be paid out of
10 the funds of the state treasury appropriated for this
11 purpose and in the manner in which other expenses of the
12 department are audited and paid. The county health officer,
13 or the department, ~~are hereby authorized to~~ may employ a
14 sufficient number of police officers who shall be under the
15 control of the county health officer, to enforce and carry
16 out any ~~and all~~ quarantine regulations the department may
17 prescribe. ~~, which said~~ The regulations shall be made public
18 in the most practicable manner, ~~in the several counties,~~
19 cities, towns or other places where the quarantine ~~may be~~
20 is established. ~~And where~~ If the quarantine is established
21 by the county health officer, he shall ~~make immediate~~
22 immediately report ~~of~~ his actions ~~and doings in the~~
23 ~~premises~~ to the state health officer. ~~and from time to time~~
24 ~~so long as quarantine shall continue. It shall also be the~~

1 ~~duty of~~ The county health officer ~~to~~ shall furnish all
2 supplies, ~~in the nature of clothing, provisions,~~
3 ~~construction of pesthouses or other things~~ necessary for
4 ~~the~~ maintaining ~~of such~~ the quarantine, ~~and~~ Upon
5 certificate of the county health officer, ~~approved by the~~
6 director of the state department of health, ~~it shall be the~~
7 ~~duty of~~ the county commissioners of any county where ~~such a~~
8 quarantine has been established, ~~to~~ shall issue ~~warrant or~~
9 warrants to the proper parties for the payment of all
10 expenses, together with the expense of employing sufficient
11 police force, ~~to~~ maintain and enforce ~~said the~~ quarantine.
12 For purposes of this act, "state health officer" means as
13 defined in W.S. ~~9-2-101(f)~~ 9-2-103(e).

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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