

ENROLLED ACT NO. 66, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; clarifying provisions pertaining to the investigation of communicable diseases and quarantine by the state and county health officers; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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

~~It shall be the duty of~~ The department of health shall, immediately after the receipt of ~~the~~ information that there is any smallpox, cholera, scarlet fever, diphtheria or other infectious or contagious disease, which is a menace to the public health, in any portion of this state, ~~to~~ order the county health officer ~~by telegram or telephone, if he is not at hand to proceed immediately to said case and there to~~ immediately investigate ~~said the~~ case ~~or~~ ~~eases,~~ and ~~to~~ report to the state health officer, ~~by telephone or telegram,~~ the results of ~~said the~~ investigation, ~~and it shall be the duty of~~ The state health officer, shall, subject to W.S. 35-4-112 and if in his judgment the occasion requires, ~~to~~ direct the county health officer to declare ~~said the~~ infected place to be in quarantine, ~~and to~~ The county health officer shall place any ~~and all~~ restrictions upon ~~the~~ ingress and egress ~~thereat at this location~~ as in his judgment, ~~or in the judgment of the state health officer~~ ~~shall be~~ are necessary to prevent the spread of the disease from the infected locality, ~~and it shall be the duty of~~ The ~~said~~ county health officer ~~when he shall have declared~~ shall upon

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declaring any city, ~~or town~~ or other place to be in quarantine, ~~so to control the population of said the~~ city, town or other place, ~~and make such disposition of the same,~~ as ~~shall~~ in his judgment best ~~protect~~ protects the people and at the same time ~~prevent~~ prevents the spread of the disease. ~~among the same. And when deemed~~ If necessary for the protection of the public health and subject to W.S. 35-4-112, the state health officer shall establish and maintain a state quarantine, ~~and shall enforce such~~ practical regulations regarding railroads, ~~stage lines,~~ or other lines of travel into and out of the state of Wyoming as ~~they so deem proper and~~ necessary for the protection of the public health. ~~and~~ The expenses incurred in maintaining ~~said the~~ state quarantine shall be paid out of the funds of the state treasury appropriated for this purpose and in the manner in which other expenses of the department are audited and paid. The county health officer, ~~or the department,~~ ~~are hereby authorized to~~ may employ a sufficient number of police officers who shall be under the control of the county health officer, to enforce and carry out any ~~and all~~ quarantine regulations the department may prescribe. ~~which said~~ The regulations shall be made public in the most practicable manner, ~~in the several counties, cities, towns or other places where the quarantine may be~~ is established. ~~And where~~ If the quarantine is established by the county health officer, he shall ~~make immediate~~ immediately report ~~of his actions and doings in the premises to the state health officer. and from time to time so long as quarantine shall continue. It shall also be the duty of~~ The county health officer ~~to~~ shall furnish all supplies, ~~in the nature of clothing, provisions, construction of pesthouses or other things and other~~ resources necessary for ~~the~~ maintaining ~~of such the~~ quarantine. ~~and~~ Upon certificate of the county health officer, approved by the director of the state department of health, ~~it shall be the duty of~~ the county commissioners

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of any county where ~~such a~~ quarantine has been established, ~~to~~ shall issue ~~warrant or~~ warrants to the proper parties for the payment of all expenses, together with the expense of employing sufficient police force, to maintain and enforce ~~said the~~ quarantine. For purposes of this act, "state health officer" means as defined in W.S. ~~9-2-101(f)~~ 9-2-103(e).

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

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Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk