

SENATE FILE NO. SF0178

Specialty hospitals-2.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Barrasso and Perkins and
Representative(s) Walsh

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to licensing and operation of health care
2 facilities; providing requirements for specialty hospitals
3 licensure; providing a definition; granting rulemaking
4 authority; providing for exceptions; providing for
5 emergency procedures; amending licensing requirements; and
6 providing for an 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. 35-2-913 is created to read:

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12 **35-2-913. Specialty hospitals; requirements for**
13 **licensure.**

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15 (a) To be licensed under this chapter a specialty
16 hospital shall:

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2 (i) Comply, except as provided in this section,
3 with all standards, rules and regulations adopted by the
4 department for hospitals;

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6 (ii) If a specialty hospital does not provide
7 emergency services it shall:

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9 (A) Establish procedures to stabilize a
10 patient with an emergency medical condition until the
11 patient is transported or transferred to another hospital
12 if emergency services cannot be provided to meet the needs
13 of the patient in an emergency;

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15 (B) Enter into a transfer agreement with
16 any other community hospital for patients not covered under
17 the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, whose
18 condition develops into an emergency beyond the capability
19 of the specialty hospital.

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21 (iii) If a specialty hospital does provide
22 emergency services it shall participate in the Wyoming
23 Emergency Medical and Trauma System as a hospital with
24 specialized capabilities.

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2 (b) To be licensed under this chapter, specialty
3 hospitals shall not be required to:

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5 (i) Admit patients with diagnoses and conditions
6 that extend beyond its capability of services;

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8 (ii) Act as an access point for care for
9 patients in nonurgent cases;

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11 (iii) Admit patients for general medical
12 conditions;

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14 (iv) Act as first responders during disasters;

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16 (v) Be primarily engaged in inpatient care as
17 required by the center for Medicare and Medicaid services
18 for hospitals.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-2-901(a) by creating a new
21 paragraph (xxiv) and by amending and renumbering (xxiv) as
22 (xxv) and 35-2-904(a)(intro) are amended to read:

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24 **35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.**

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(a) As used in this act:

(xxiv) "Specialty hospital" means a licensed hospital, organized or incorporated as an entity which permits stays of twenty-four (24) hours or more and is primarily or exclusively engaged in the care and treatment of one (1) or more of the following:

(A) Patients with a cardiac condition;

(B) Patients with an orthopedic condition;

(C) Patients receiving a surgical procedure; and

(D) Any other specialized category of services as designated by the department, but shall not include:

(I) Psychiatric hospitals;

(II) Rehabilitation hospitals;

1 (III) Children's hospitals;

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3 (IV) Long-term care hospitals; and

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5 (V) Cancer treatment hospitals.

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7 ~~(xxiv)~~ (xv) "This act" means W.S. 35-2-901
8 through ~~35-2-912~~ 35-2-913.

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10 **35-2-904. Issuance of license; fee; duration;**
11 **renewal; transferability; provisional licenses; procedures.**

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13 (a) The division shall review each application to
14 determine the appropriate category of license to issue
15 under this act. The division shall issue ~~a~~ the appropriate
16 license under this act:

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18 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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23 (END)