

SENATE FILE NO. SF0069

Rural health care district authority.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Baldwin and Gierau and  
Representative(s) Eyre and Sommers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to rural health care districts; clarifying  
2 the authority of districts to own and operate a nursing  
3 home as specified; making conforming amendments; and  
4 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. 35-2-703(a)(xi), 35-2-710(a),  
9 35-2-712 and 35-2-721 are amended to read:

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11 **35-2-703. Body corporate; name and style; powers**  
12 **generally; rules and regulations of trustees.**

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14 (a) Each district so established is a body corporate  
15 and shall be designated by the name of the .... rural

1 health care district. The district name shall be entered  
2 upon the commissioners' records and shall be selected by  
3 the board of county commissioners of the county in which  
4 the greater area of land within the district is located. In  
5 the name so selected, the district through its governing  
6 board may:

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8 (xi) Construct, purchase or own a hospital,  
9 nursing home and related facilities.

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11 **35-2-710. Securities for acquiring and improving**  
12 **hospitals, nursing homes and related facilities; issuance**  
13 **authorized; lines of credit and tax and revenue**  
14 **anticipation notes.**

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16 (a) The trustees of a rural health care district  
17 established pursuant to W.S. 35-2-701, are authorized to  
18 issue revenue bonds, notes and warrants or other revenue  
19 securities for the purpose of acquiring, erecting,  
20 constructing, reconstructing, improving, remodeling,  
21 furnishing and equipping hospitals, nursing homes and  
22 related facilities and acquiring a site or sites as the  
23 trustees may determine.

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2           **35-2-712. Securities for acquiring hospitals, nursing**  
3 **homes and related facilities; not a general obligation of**  
4 **rural health care district or trustees; payable from**  
5 **special fund.**

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7 The securities issued pursuant to W.S. 35-2-711 through  
8 35-2-722 shall not constitute a general obligation of the  
9 rural health care district, nor of the trustees, but shall  
10 be payable solely from a special fund to contain the net  
11 revenue to be derived from the operation of the hospitals,  
12 nursing homes and related facilities, the revenues being  
13 defined as those remaining after paying the costs of  
14 operating and maintaining the facilities.

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16           **35-2-721. Charges and rentals.**

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18 The trustees shall establish and collect charges for  
19 services and rentals for use of facilities furnished,  
20 acquired, constructed or purchased from the proceeds of the  
21 securities sufficient to pay the principal or the interest,  
22 or both, on the securities as they become due and payable,  
23 together with the additional sums as may be deemed

1 necessary for accumulating reserves and providing for  
2 obsolescence and depreciation and to pay the expenses of  
3 operating and maintaining the facilities. The trustees  
4 shall establish all other charges, fees and rates to be  
5 derived from the operation of the hospital, nursing home or  
6 any other facility of the rural health care district.

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8       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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