

SENATE FILE NO. SF0080

Visitation rights.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) McKeown

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; establishing
2 visitation rights and limitations for specified health care
3 facilities; 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. 35-2-914 is created to read:

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9 **35-2-914. Visitation rights.**

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11 (a) A health care facility that provides twenty-four
12 (24) hour per day care, including a hospice, hospital,
13 intermediate care facility, nursing care facility,
14 psychiatric care facility, residential rehabilitation
15 facility or assisted living facility shall allow visitation
16 for a person receiving care in that facility. The

1 visitation required under this section shall not apply to
2 persons involuntarily detained under W.S. 25-10-109 or
3 25-10-110 or adults who have been convicted of a crime and
4 are in the custody of the state or a local jurisdiction.

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6 (b) A health care facility subject to subsection (a)
7 of this section may impose and enforce restrictions on
8 visitation that limit the number or age of visitors, limit
9 the location or time of visitation, require protective
10 equipment or impose requirements otherwise required under
11 W.S. 35-1-240 or by the centers for Medicaid and Medicare
12 services, the centers for disease control or the joint
13 commission on the accreditation of healthcare
14 organizations. A health care facility shall provide a
15 written copy of its visitation policy to every person
16 admitted to the facility or to that person's representative
17 and shall visibly post in the facility one (1) copy of the
18 most current visitation restrictions imposed in accordance
19 with this subsection. The health care facility shall allow
20 the person receiving care or that person's representative
21 to designate persons as visitors or to prohibit some or all
22 visitation under this section.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-2-901(a)(xxvii) is amended to
2 read:

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4 **35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.**

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6 (a) As used in this act:

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8 (xxvii) "This act" means W.S. 35-2-901 through

9 ~~35-2-913~~ 35-2-914.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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