

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0109

ENROLLED ACT NO. 38, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to health officers; specifying education requirements for a county, municipal or district health officer; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-305(a) and 35-1-306(a) are amended to read:

**35-1-305. Appointment of health officers and other personnel generally; local board of health may fix fees for certain services.**

(a) In the counties, municipalities or districts where health departments are created, as provided herein, the local board of health may appoint a full-time or part-time health officer, deputy health officers, public health nurses, sanitarians, environmental health specialists and such other public health personnel as may be deemed necessary to adequately protect the public health. Any full-time or part-time health officer shall have a degree of doctor of medicine, be an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) or be a physician assistant as defined in W.S. 33-26-501(a)(iii). A full-time or part-time health officer appointed under this section shall assist the state department of health in carrying out the provisions of all health and sanitary laws and regulations of the state and shall complete continuing education in public health as directed by the local board of health. Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the local board of health may fix reasonable fees and charges for services, except for follow-up of communicable diseases and for individuals who receive services under the public health nursing infant home visitation subprogram created by W.S. 35-27-102. No person shall be denied necessary nursing

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services within the limits of available personnel because of an inability to pay the cost of such services.

**35-1-306. Appointment of health officer and other personnel where departments not established; fees and charges for services; payment.**

(a) In counties or municipalities where such departments are not established the boards of county commissioners or municipal governing body shall appoint the county or municipal health officer and other necessary personnel. The governing body of any combination of municipalities, counties, or municipalities and counties where such departments are not established may form a health district and appoint a district health officer thereof. The term of office for the county, municipal, or district health officer shall be four (4) years unless sooner removed by the board of county commissioners, municipal, or district governing body. ~~He—The county, municipal or district health officer~~ shall have a degree of doctor of medicine, ~~and be an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) or be a physician assistant as defined in W.S. 33-26-501(a)(iii).~~ The county, municipal or district health officer shall assist the state department of health in carrying out the provisions of all health and sanitary laws and regulations of the state and shall complete continuing education in public health as directed by the local board of county commissioners, health district or municipal governing body.

**Section 2.** This act applies to persons appointed as county, municipal or district health officers on and after July 1, 2021.

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**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk