ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0195</u>

## ENROLLED ACT NO. 63, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

AN ACT relating to the medical review panel; repealing the Wyoming Medical Review Panel Act of 2005; ceasing review of new malpractice claims by the medical review panel; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-38-102(d) is amended to read:

1-38-102. Action to be brought by wrongful death representative; recovery exempt from debts; measure and element of damages; limitation of action.

(d) An action for wrongful death shall be commenced within two (2) years after the death of the decedent. If the decedent's death involved medical malpractice this limitation period shall be tolled as provided in W.S. 9-2-1518 upon receipt by the director of the medical review panel of a malpractice claim.

**Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1513 through 9-2-1523 are repealed.

Section 3. On and after the effective date of this section, no malpractice claims against health care providers shall be filed with the medical review panel created by W.S. 9-2-1517(a). On and after the effective date of this section, all activities related to the implementation of the Wyoming Medical Review Panel Act of 2005 shall be ceased except as necessary to finalize decisions on malpractice claims against health care providers that are filed with the medical review panel prior to the effective date of this section. ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0195</u>

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Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

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