

SENATE FILE NO. SF0056

Access to records-vulnerable adult abuse.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to adult protective services; allowing
2 access to records as specified; and providing for an
3 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. 35-20-112(a) is amended to read:

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9 **35-20-112. Confidentiality of records; penalties;**
10 **access to information.**

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12 (a) All records concerning reports and investigations
13 of vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, exploitation,
14 intimidation, abandonment or self neglect are confidential
15 except as provided by W.S. 35-20-116 and except that the
16 record shall be available to the vulnerable adult who is
17 the subject of the record, his legal guardian, the personal

1 representative of a deceased vulnerable adult or a
2 decedent's wrongful death representative appointed to bring
3 an action for the benefit of the vulnerable adult's
4 beneficiaries. Names of other vulnerable adults shall be
5 redacted from the records prior to disclosure pursuant to
6 this subsection. Records shall not be disclosed, however,
7 to any person named as a perpetrator of abuse, neglect,
8 exploitation, intimidation or abandonment of a vulnerable
9 adult. Any person who intentionally violates this
10 subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
11 imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of
12 not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or
13 both.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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