

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0017

Adult protective orders-time limit extension.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to adult protective services; extending the
2 permissible period for emergency services; and providing
3 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. 35-20-107(c) is amended to read:

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9 **35-20-107. Emergency services.**

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11 (c) The allegations of the petition shall be proved
12 by a preponderance of the evidence. If the court finds
13 that the vulnerable adult has been or is being abused,
14 neglected, exploited, intimidated or abandoned, or is
15 committing self neglect, that an emergency exists and that
16 the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to the

1 provision of services, the court may order the department
2 to provide protective services on an emergency basis. The
3 court shall order only those services necessary to remove
4 the conditions creating the emergency and shall
5 specifically designate the authorized services. The order
6 for emergency protective services shall remain in effect
7 for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours. The
8 order may be extended for up to an additional ~~seventy-two~~
9 ~~(72) hour~~ thirty (30) day period if the court finds that
10 the extension is necessary to remove the emergency. The
11 vulnerable adult, his agent, his court appointed
12 representative or the department, through the attorney
13 general or the district attorney, may petition the court to
14 set aside or modify the order at any time.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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