

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0109

Local health officers-education requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hunt, Clausen, Duncan and
Wilson and Senator(s) Baldwin, Driskill and
Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health officers; specifying education
2 requirements for a county, municipal or district health
3 officer; 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. 35-1-305(a) and 35-1-306(a) are
8 amended to read:

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10 **35-1-305. Appointment of health officers and other**
11 **personnel generally; local board of health may fix fees for**
12 **certain services.**

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14 (a) In the counties, municipalities or districts
15 where health departments are created, as provided herein,

1 the local board of health may appoint a full-time or part-
2 time health officer, deputy health officers, public health
3 nurses, sanitarians, environmental health specialists and
4 such other public health personnel as may be deemed
5 necessary to adequately protect the public health. Any
6 full-time or part-time health officer shall have a degree
7 of doctor of medicine, be an advanced practice registered
8 nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) or be a physician
9 assistant as defined in W.S. 33-26-501(a)(iii). A full-
10 time or part-time health officer appointed under this
11 section shall assist the state department of health in
12 carrying out the provisions of all health and sanitary laws
13 and regulations of the state and shall complete continuing
14 education in public health as directed by the local board
15 of health. Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the
16 local board of health may fix reasonable fees and charges
17 for services, except for follow-up of communicable diseases
18 and for individuals who receive services under the public
19 health nursing infant home visitation subprogram created by
20 W.S. 35-27-102. No person shall be denied necessary nursing
21 services within the limits of available personnel because
22 of an inability to pay the cost of such services.

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

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5 (a) In counties or municipalities where such
6 departments are not established the boards of county
7 commissioners or municipal governing body shall appoint the
8 county or municipal health officer and other necessary
9 personnel. The governing body of any combination of
10 municipalities, counties, or municipalities and counties
11 where such departments are not established may form a
12 health district and appoint a district health officer
13 thereof. The term of office for the county, municipal, or
14 district health officer shall be four (4) years unless
15 sooner removed by the board of county commissioners,
16 municipal, or district governing body. ~~He—The county,~~
17 municipal or district health officer shall have a degree of
18 doctor of medicine, ~~and—be an advanced practice registered~~
19 nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) or be a physician
20 assistant as defined in W.S. 33-26-501(a)(iii). The county,
21 municipal or district health officer shall assist the state
22 department of health in carrying out the provisions of all
23 health and sanitary laws and regulations of the state and

1 shall complete continuing education in public health as
2 directed by the local board of county commissioners, health
3 district or municipal governing body.

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

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

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