

## 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 or be an advanced practice registered  
8 nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) and shall assist  
9 the state department of health in carrying out the  
10 provisions of all health and sanitary laws and regulations  
11 of the state. Subject to subsection (c) of this section,  
12 the local board of health may fix reasonable fees and  
13 charges for services, except for follow-up of communicable  
14 diseases and for individuals who receive services under the  
15 public health nursing infant home visitation subprogram  
16 created by W.S. 35-27-102. No person shall be denied  
17 necessary nursing services within the limits of available  
18 personnel because of an inability to pay the cost of such  
19 services.

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21 **35-1-306. Appointment of health officer and other**  
22 **personnel where departments not established; fees and**  
23 **charges for services; payment.**

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

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

