

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0027

Visitation rights.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Fortner, Bear, Laursen,  
Neiman and Ottman and Senator(s) Bouchard,  
French, James and McKeown

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; establishing  
2 visitation rights and limitations; 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. 35-2-914 is created to read:

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9 **35-2-914. Visitation rights.**

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11 A health care facility that normally provides twenty-four  
12 (24) hour per day care including a hospice, hospital,  
13 intermediate care facility, nursing care facility,  
14 psychiatric care facility, residential rehabilitation  
15 facility or assisted living facility shall allow visitation

1 for a person receiving care in that facility. This section  
2 shall not apply to persons involuntarily detained under  
3 W.S. 25-10-109 or adults who have been convicted of a crime  
4 and are in the custody of the state or a local  
5 jurisdiction. The health care facility may impose and  
6 enforce restrictions on visitation that limit the number or  
7 age of visitors, limit the location or time of visitation,  
8 require protective equipment or impose requirements  
9 otherwise required under W.S. 35-1-240 or by the centers  
10 for Medicaid and Medicare services, the centers for disease  
11 control or the joint commission. A health care facility  
12 shall provide a written copy of its visitation policy to  
13 every person admitted to the facility or to his  
14 representative and shall visibly post in the facility one  
15 (1) copy of the most current regulatory guidance that  
16 imposes visitation restrictions. The health care facility  
17 shall allow the person receiving care or that person's  
18 representative to designate persons as visitors or to  
19 prohibit some or all visitation under this section.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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