



HB0149

Protection of health care workers.

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn, Chadwick and Clouston and Senator(s) Brennan, Nethercott and Schuler

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; creating the offenses of assault, threat of violence and battery against health care providers; specifying penalties; providing definitions; establishing duties and requirements of health care facilities to address violence against health care providers; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

1/16/2023 Bill Number Assigned
1/17/2023 H Received for Introduction
1/18/2023 H Introduced and Referred to H10 - Labor
1/25/2023 H10 - Labor:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Chadwick, Clouston, Hornok, O'hearn, Penn, Trujillo, Ward, Yin, Zwonitzer

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/25/2023 H Placed on General File

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Page 5-line 9 After "for" delete balance of line.
Page 5-line 10 Delete "and"; delete "one".
Page 5-line 11 Delete "thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)" and insert "seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)".
Page 5-line 14 Delete "not less than".
Page 5-line 15 Delete "forty-five (45) days and".
Page 6-line 20 After "institution" insert "with twenty-five (25) employees or more"; delete "shall" and insert "may".
Page 7-line 2 Delete "shall" and insert "may".
Page 7-line 5 Delete "shall:" and insert "may".
Page 7-line 7 Delete "(i)".
Page 7-lines 11 through 13 Delete entirely.
Page 7-line 15 Delete "shall" and insert "may".
Page 7-line 17 Delete "shall" and insert "may".
Page 7-line 18 Delete ", at a minimum".
Page 7-lines 20 through 22 Delete entirely.
Page 8-lines 1 and 2 Delete entirely.

Page 8-line 4 Delete "(ii)" and insert "(i)".

Page 8-line 9 Delete "(iii)" and insert "(ii)".

Page 8-line 13 After "institution" insert "with twenty-five (25) employees or more"; delete "shall" and insert "may".

Page 8-line 15 Delete ", at a minimum".

Page 9-line 1 Delete "policies requiring".

Page 9-lines 2 and 3 Delete entirely.

Page 9-line 4 Delete "and".

Page 10-lines 5 through 22 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.

Page 11-lines 1 and 2 Delete entirely.

Page 11-line 12 After "enforcement" delete balance of line.

Page 11-line 13 Delete line through "institution".

Page 11-line 20 Delete "not later than".

Page 11-line 21 Delete "twenty-four (24) hours after the incident".

To the extent required by this amendment: renumber as necessary. ZWONITZER, DN,
CHAIRMAN

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Page 12-lines 12 through 14 Delete entirely and insert:

"(g) The department may place conditions upon a license, suspend admissions, or suspend a license issued under W.S. 35-2-901 through 35-2-913 if a licensee violates any provision of W.S. 35-2-122.".

Page 12-lines 16 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 13-lines 1 through 5 Delete entirely.

Page 13-line 7 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 2.**".

Page 13-line 10 Delete "**Section 4.**" and insert "**Section 3.**".

Page 13-line 15 Delete "Sections 3 and 4" and insert "Sections 2 and 3". PENN

1/27/2023 H COW:Passed

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Page 1-line 3 After "penalties;" insert "providing an exception;".

Page 2-after line 5 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(i) "Alzheimer's disease" means a form of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior and that interferes with daily life. Symptoms include a decline in memory and the loss of function in at least one (1) other cognitive ability;".

Page 2-line 7 Delete "(i)" and insert "(ii)".

Page 2-line 10 Delete "(ii)" and insert "(iii)".

Page 2-after line 11 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(iv) "Dementia" means cognitive decline, including a loss of memory and other mental abilities that is severe enough to interfere with daily life;".

Page 2-line 13 Delete "(iii)" and insert "(v)".

Page 2-line 16 Delete "(iv)" and insert "(vi)".

Page 5-after line 17 Insert:

"(f) This section shall not apply to persons who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and who violate the provisions of this section.".

Page 11-line 21 After "." insert "If an incident of workplace violence occurs and W.S. 6-2-512(f) applies, the health care institution may use its discretion as to whether to report the incident.". ZWONITZER, DN, PENN

1/30/2023 H 2nd Reading:Passed

1/31/2023 H 3rd Reading:Failed 28-34-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allred, Berger, Brown, Byron, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Conrad, Eklund, Harshman, Henderson, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Newsome, Niemiec, Northrup, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Sherwood, Speaker Sommers, Stith, Storer, Ward, Wylie, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dan, Zwonitzer, Dave

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Burkhart, Jr, Crago, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Larsen, Lloyd, Locke, Neiman, Nicholas, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Walters, Washut, Western, Winter

Ayes 28 **Nays** 34 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0