

SENATE FILE NO. SF0080

Visitation rights.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) McKeown, Biteman, Hutchings,
Laursen, D, Salazar, Schuler and Steinmetz
and Representative(s) Neiman

A BILL

for

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

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

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11 (a) A health care facility that 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. The
2 visitation required under this section shall not apply to
3 persons involuntarily detained under W.S. 25-10-109 or
4 25-10-110 or adults who have been convicted of a crime and
5 are in the custody of the state or a local jurisdiction.

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7 (b) A health care facility subject to subsection (a)
8 of this section may impose and enforce restrictions on
9 visitation that limit the number or age of visitors, limit
10 the location or time of visitation, require protective
11 equipment or impose requirements otherwise required under
12 W.S. 35-1-240 or by the centers for Medicaid and Medicare
13 services, the centers for disease control or the joint
14 commission on the accreditation of healthcare
15 organizations. Visitation may be further restricted or
16 limited under this section when the health care facility
17 determines a restriction or limitation is necessary due to
18 a court order, violent or disruptive behavior or reasonable
19 suspicion of abuse or neglect against a person receiving
20 care in the facility. A health care facility shall provide
21 a written copy of its visitation policy to every person
22 admitted to the facility or to that person's representative
23 and shall visibly post in the facility one (1) copy of the

1 most current visitation restrictions imposed in accordance
2 with this subsection. The health care facility shall allow
3 the person receiving care or that person's representative
4 to designate persons as visitors or to prohibit some or all
5 visitation under this section.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-2-901(a)(xxvii) is amended to
8 read:

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10 **35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.**

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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14 (xxvii) "This act" means W.S. 35-2-901 through
15 ~~35-2-913~~ 35-2-914.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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19 (END)