

ENROLLED ACT NO. 78, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; establishing visitation rights and limitations for specified health care facilities; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-2-914 is created to read:

35-2-914. Visitation rights.

(a) A health care facility, as defined by W.S. 35-2-901(a)(x), that provides twenty-four (24) hour per day care shall allow visitation for a person receiving care in that facility. The visitation required under this section shall not apply to persons involuntarily detained under W.S. 25-10-109 or 25-10-110 or adults who have been charged with or convicted of a crime and are in the custody of the state or a local jurisdiction.

(b) A health care facility subject to subsection (a) of this section may impose and enforce restrictions on visitation that limit the number or age of visitors, limit the location or time of visitation, require protective equipment or impose requirements otherwise required under W.S. 35-1-240 or by the centers for Medicaid and Medicare services, the centers for disease control or the joint commission on the accreditation of healthcare organizations. Visitation may be further restricted or limited under this section when the health care facility determines a restriction or limitation is necessary due to a court order, violent or disruptive behavior or reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect against a person receiving care in the facility. A health care facility shall provide a written copy of its visitation policy upon request and shall visibly post in the facility one (1) copy of the most

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

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

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

(a) As used in this act:

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk