



SF0125

**Defining health care and protecting the people's welfare.**

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Steinmetz, Dockstader, Hutchings, Olsen and Pearson and Representative(s) Haroldson, Heiner, Neiman and Rodriguez-Williams

AN ACT relating to statutes and rules of construction; providing a definition of health care generally applicable to law; providing findings; specifying exceptions; and providing for contingent effective dates.

1/16/2025 Bill Number Assigned  
1/17/2025 S Received for Introduction  
1/21/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S10 - Labor  
2/6/2025 S10 - Labor:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 4-1-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Barlow, Crum, Hutchings, Steinmetz  
**Nays:** Senator Scott  
**Ayes 4 Nays 1 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/6/2025 S Placed on General File

**SF0125SS001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-lines 1 through 7 Delete entirely and insert:

"(a) For purposes of definition, interpretation and construction under the Wyoming constitution and all statutes of this state:

(i) "Health care" shall mean acting to promote the curative, improving, healing, restorative and therapeutic physical health and well-being of a person, including an unborn person from the moment of conception herein defined as "life." "Health care" shall not mean actions that terminate life, and are hereby prohibited, except as provided in this section. Abortion, as defined by paragraph (ii) of this subsection, shall be defined as health care only if the abortion is medically necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman by performing a pre-viability separation procedure necessary in the physician's reasonable judgment to prevent the death of the pregnant woman, a substantial risk of death for the pregnant woman because of a physical condition or the serious and permanent impairment of a life-sustaining organ of a pregnant woman, provided that no separation procedure shall be deemed necessary under this section unless the physician makes all reasonable medical efforts under the circumstances to preserve both the life of the pregnant woman and the life of the unborn baby in a manner consistent with reasonable medical judgment;

(ii) "Abortion" shall mean an act, procedure, device or prescription administered to or prescribed for a pregnant woman by any person with knowledge of the pregnancy, including the pregnant woman herself, with the intent of producing the premature expulsion, removal or termination of a human embryo or fetus, except that in cases in which the viability of the embryo or fetus is threatened by continuation of the pregnancy, early delivery after viability by commonly accepted obstetrical practices shall not be construed as an abortion;".

Page 2-line 9 Delete "(ii)" and insert "(iii)"; after "procedure that" insert "intentionally".

Page 2-line 13 Delete "necessitated" and insert "necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury, documented and medically necessitated".

Page 2-line 14 Delete "pregnant woman" and insert "person".

Page 2-line 15 Delete "physician" and insert "medical provider".

Page 2-line 16 After "recovery" insert "from an injury or illness and recommends terminating life support services".

Page 3-line 5 Delete entirely and insert:

**"Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.". SCOTT, ACTING CHAIRMAN

2/10/2025 S COW:Passed

**SF0125S2001/ADOPTED**

Page 1-line 4 Delete entirely and insert "providing for contingent effective dates.".

Page 2-lines 1 through 7 In the Senate standing committee amendment (SF0125SS001/A) to these lines, in paragraph (a)(i) created by that amendment, after "therapeutic physical health" insert ", mental health"; after "the moment of conception" insert "or fertilization"; in paragraph (a)(ii) created by that amendment, after "not be construed as an abortion" insert ". Fertilized eggs that are implanted through in vitro fertilization and that are expelled from the uterus after the procedure shall not be construed as an abortion".

Page 2-lines 9 through 16 Delete entirely including the Senate standing committee amendment (SF0125SS001/A) in these lines and insert:

"(iii) No act, treatment or procedure that intentionally terminates the heart, brain, central nervous system or respiratory system shall be construed as health care unless:

(A) The act, treatment or procedure is documented and medically necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury, documented and medically necessitated to save the life of a person; or

(B) In cases in which a licensed medical provider has determined and documented that a person has no chance of meaningful recovery from an injury or illness and recommends terminating life support services.".

Page 3-line 5 Delete entirely including the Senate standing committee amendment (SF0125SS001/A) to this line and insert:

**"Section 2.**

(a) This act is effective on the earlier of:

(i) March 1, 2026; or

(ii) The date on which the Wyoming supreme court renders a decision on the constitutionality of the Life is a Human Right Act, W.S. 35-6-120 through 35-6-138. On the date on which the Wyoming supreme court renders a decision in the matter specified in this paragraph, the attorney general shall certify this date to the secretary of state.". STEINMETZ

2/11/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed

**SF0125S3001/ADOPTED**

Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (SF0125SS001/A) and the Steinmetz second reading amendment (SF0125S2001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 4 Delete entirely and insert "providing for contingent effective dates;".

Page 2 Delete entirely.

Page 3-lines 1 through 5 Delete entirely and insert:

"For purposes of interpretation and construction under the Wyoming constitution and all statutes of this state, abortion, as defined in W.S. 35-6-122(a)(i), is not health care. For purposes of this section, actions specified in W.S. 35-6-124 shall be construed as health care.

**Section 2.**

(a) This act is effective on the earlier of:

(i) March 12, 2026; or

(ii) The date on which the Wyoming supreme court renders a decision on the constitutionality of the Life is a Human Right Act, W.S. 35-6-120 through 35-6-138. On the date on which the Wyoming supreme court renders a decision in the matter specified in this paragraph, the attorney general shall certify this date to the secretary of state.". BONER, STEINMETZ

2/12/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 24-6-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Smith, Steinmetz

**Nays:** Senator(s) Anderson, Case, Driskill, Gierau, Rothfuss, Scott

**Excused:** Senator Pappas

**Ayes** 24    **Nays** 6    **Excused** 1    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

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