

SENATE FILE NO. 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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to statutes and rules of construction;
2 providing a definition of health care generally applicable
3 to law; providing findings; specifying exceptions; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 8-1-110 is created to read:

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10 **8-1-110. Definition of health care; rules of**
11 **construction; purposes.**

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1 (a) For purposes of interpretation and construction
2 under the Wyoming constitution and all statutes of this
3 state:

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5 (i) "Health care" means as defined in Wyoming
6 statute, provided that the action, treatment or procedure
7 is taken to protect the health of a person;

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9 (ii) No act, treatment or procedure that causes
10 harm to the heart, respiratory system, central nervous
11 system, brain, skeletal system, jointed or muscled
12 appendages or organ function shall be construed as health
13 care unless documented and medically necessitated to save
14 the life of a pregnant woman or in cases in which a
15 licensed physician has determined and documented that a
16 person has no chance of meaningful recovery.

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18 (b) The definition and rules of construction of
19 subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the
20 Wyoming Health Care Decisions Act.

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22 (c) The legislature recognizes the need to protect
23 the health and general welfare of the people of Wyoming. In

1 accordance with this purpose, the definition and rules
2 specified in this section are provided to advance the
3 health, welfare and safety of all people in Wyoming.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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