

SENATE FILE NO. SF0130

Emergency assistance immunity-mental health services.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Rothfuss, Barlow and Brennan and  
Representative(s) Larsen, L, Lawley, Washut  
and Yin

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to civil procedure; amending the exemption  
2 from civil liability for providing emergency services to  
3 include mental health crises; and providing for an  
4 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. 1-1-120(a) and (b) is amended to  
9 read:

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11 **1-1-120. Persons rendering emergency assistance**  
12 **exempt from civil liability.**

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14 (a) Any person licensed as a physician and surgeon  
15 under the laws of the state of Wyoming, or any other

1 person, who in good faith renders emergency care or  
2 assistance, including assistance for a mental health  
3 crisis, without compensation at the place of an emergency,  
4 ~~or~~ accident or mental health crisis, is not liable for any  
5 civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith.

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7 (b) Persons or organizations operating volunteer  
8 ambulances or rescue vehicles supported by public or  
9 private funds, staffed by unpaid volunteers, and which make  
10 no charge, or charge an incidental service or user fee, for  
11 services rendered during medical emergencies or mental  
12 health crises, and the unpaid volunteers who staff  
13 ambulances and rescue vehicles are not liable for any civil  
14 damages for acts or omissions in good faith in furnishing  
15 emergency medical services or services during mental health  
16 crises. This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions  
17 constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton  
18 misconduct. For purposes of this section, "unpaid  
19 volunteers" means persons who either receive incidental  
20 remuneration on a per call basis or receive no more than  
21 one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) annually for volunteer  
22 ambulance and rescue activities, including mental health  
23 services or services provided during a suicidal

1 intervention. The immunity provided by this subsection  
2 shall extend to a physician while serving in his capacity  
3 as medical director of any ambulance service, to hospitals  
4 and hospital employees for activities directly related to  
5 providing clinical training as part of an emergency medical  
6 service class approved by the department of health, and to  
7 students while participating in emergency medical services  
8 or mental health services training approved by the  
9 department of health. If an unpaid volunteer's, medical  
10 director's, hospital's or trainee's acts or omissions are  
11 subject to the provisions of the Wyoming Governmental  
12 Claims Act, immunity under this section is waived to the  
13 extent of the maximum liability provided under W.S.  
14 1-39-118.

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

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