

SENATE FILE NO. SF0023

Outpatient examination and commitment length.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Schuler and Crago and
Representative(s) Heiner, Larsen, L, Lawley,
Webb and Wharff

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; amending
2 provisions related to the involuntary hospitalization of
3 mentally ill persons; expanding the list of examiners
4 qualified to perform involuntary hospitalization
5 examinations; amending the time limit on directed
6 outpatient commitment; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 25-10-110(e) and 25-10-110.1(a) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **25-10-110. Involuntary hospitalization proceedings.**

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1 (e) The court shall appoint one (1) or more examiners
2 to examine the proposed patient and to make a written
3 report to the court of the findings as to the history and
4 mental illness of the proposed patient. The court may order
5 the proposed patient to appear for examination and if the
6 proposed patient does not appear the court may compel his
7 appearance. The examination shall be held at a hospital, a
8 medical facility, the home of the proposed patient or any
9 other suitable place which will not have a harmful effect
10 on his health. The examination shall be conducted no later
11 than seven (7) days from the date of the notice. If the
12 examination is conducted by an examiner other than a
13 licensed physician, a licensed psychiatrist, a licensed
14 advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed physician
15 assistant or a licensed psychologist, the court shall
16 appoint a licensed physician, a licensed psychiatrist, a
17 licensed advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed
18 physician assistant or a licensed psychologist to review
19 the findings of the examiner and conduct a further
20 examination, if indicated, and to report to the court.

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22 **25-10-110.1. Directed outpatient commitment**
23 **proceedings.**

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2 (a) If the court finds based upon the recommendation
3 of an examiner or on its own determination that the
4 proposed patient is mentally ill but does not require
5 inpatient hospitalization, the court shall consider issuing
6 a directed outpatient commitment order. The court shall
7 require directed outpatient commitment for the proposed
8 patient for a period of time as determined appropriate by
9 the court, ~~not to exceed two (2) years~~ with review by the
10 court at least every six (6) months. The court may
11 designate an outpatient care provider that will provide
12 care to the proposed patient.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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