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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Emergency protective services-effective period.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to adult protective services; extending the
2 effective period of emergency protective services; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-20-107(c) is amended to read:

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9 **35-20-107. Emergency services.**

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11 (c) The allegations of the petition shall be proved
12 by a preponderance of the evidence. If the court finds
13 that the vulnerable adult has been or is being abused,

1 neglected, exploited, intimidated or abandoned, or is
2 committing self neglect, that an emergency exists and that
3 the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to the
4 provision of services, the court may order the department
5 to provide protective services on an emergency basis. The
6 court shall order only those services necessary to remove
7 the conditions creating the emergency and shall
8 specifically designate the authorized services. The order
9 for emergency protective services shall remain in effect
10 for a period not to exceed ~~seventy two (72) hours~~ fourteen
11 (14) days., ~~excluding weekends and holidays.~~ The order may
12 be extended for up to an additional thirty (30) day period
13 if the court finds that the extension is necessary to
14 remove the emergency. The vulnerable adult, his agent, his
15 court appointed representative or the department, through
16 the attorney general or the district attorney, may petition
17 the court to set aside or modify the order at any time.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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