

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0074

Investigation of communicable diseases.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wostenberg, Harvey, Osborn  
and Robinson and Senator(s) Boggs and Massie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; clarifying  
2 provisions pertaining to the investigation of communicable  
3 diseases and quarantine by the state and county health  
4 officers; and 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. 35-4-103 is amended to read:

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10 **35-4-103. Investigation of diseases; quarantine;**  
11 **regulation of travel; employment of police officers to**  
12 **enforce quarantine; report of county health officer;**  
13 **supplies and expenses.**

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15 ~~It shall be the duty of~~The department of health shall,  
16 immediately after the receipt of ~~the~~ information that there

1 is any smallpox, cholera, scarlet fever, diphtheria or  
2 other infectious or contagious disease, which is a menace  
3 to the public health, in any portion of this state, ~~to~~  
4 order the county health officer ~~by telegram or telephone,~~  
5 ~~if he is not at hand to proceed immediately to said case~~  
6 ~~and there~~ to immediately investigate ~~said the~~ case ~~or~~  
7 ~~eases,~~ and ~~to~~ report to the state health officer, ~~by~~  
8 ~~telephone or telegram,~~ the results of ~~said the~~  
9 investigation, ~~and it shall be the duty of~~ The state  
10 health officer, shall subject to W.S. 35-4-112 and if in  
11 his judgment the occasion requires, ~~to~~ direct the county  
12 health officer to declare ~~said the~~ infected place to be in  
13 quarantine and to place any ~~and all~~ restrictions upon the  
14 ingress and egress ~~thereat~~ at this location as in his  
15 judgment, or in the judgment of the state health officer  
16 ~~shall be~~ is necessary to prevent the spread of the disease  
17 from the infected locality, ~~and it shall be the duty of~~  
18 The ~~said~~ county health officer ~~when he shall have declared~~  
19 shall upon declaring any city, ~~or~~ town or other place to be  
20 in quarantine, ~~so to~~ control and dispose of the population  
21 of ~~said the~~ city, town or other place, ~~and make such~~  
22 ~~disposition of the same,~~ as ~~shall~~ in his judgment best  
23 ~~protect~~ protects the people and at the same time ~~prevent~~  
24 prevents the spread of the disease. ~~among the same. And~~

1 ~~when deemed~~ If necessary for the protection of the public  
2 health and subject to W.S. 35-4-112, the state health  
3 officer shall establish and maintain a state quarantine,  
4 and shall enforce ~~such~~ practical regulations regarding  
5 railroads, ~~stage lines,~~ or other lines of travel into and  
6 out of the state of Wyoming as ~~they so deem proper and~~  
7 necessary for the protection of the public health. ~~and~~ The  
8 expenses incurred in maintaining ~~said~~ the state quarantine  
9 shall be paid out of the funds of the state treasury  
10 appropriated for this purpose and in the manner in which  
11 other expenses of the department are audited and paid. The  
12 county health officer, or the department, ~~are hereby~~  
13 ~~authorized to~~ may employ a sufficient number of police  
14 officers who shall be under the control of the county  
15 health officer, to enforce and carry out any ~~and all~~  
16 quarantine regulations the department may prescribe. ~~which~~  
17 ~~said~~ The regulations shall be made public in the most  
18 practicable manner, in the several counties, cities, towns  
19 or other places where the quarantine ~~may be~~ is established.  
20 ~~And where~~ If the quarantine is established by the county  
21 health officer, he shall ~~make immediate~~ immediately report  
22 ~~of~~ his actions ~~and doings in the premises~~ to the state  
23 health officer. ~~and from time to time so long as quarantine~~  
24 ~~shall continue. It shall also be the duty of~~ The county

1 health officer ~~to shall~~ furnish all supplies, ~~in the nature~~  
2 ~~of clothing, provisions, construction of pesthouses or~~  
3 ~~other things~~ necessary for ~~the~~ maintaining ~~of such the~~  
4 quarantine. ~~and~~ Upon certificate of the county health  
5 officer, ~~approved by the director of the state department~~  
6 of health, ~~it shall be the duty of~~ the county commissioners  
7 of any county where ~~such a~~ quarantine has been established,  
8 ~~to shall~~ issue ~~warrant or~~ warrants to the proper parties  
9 for the payment of all expenses, together with the expense  
10 of employing sufficient police force, ~~to~~ maintain and  
11 enforce ~~said the~~ quarantine. For purposes of this act,  
12 "state health officer" means as defined in W.S. ~~9-2-101(f)~~  
13 9-2-103(e).

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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