

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0182

Wyoming state veterinary laboratory confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Olsen and Bucholz and  
Senator(s) Hines and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming state veterinary laboratory;  
2 providing for confidentiality of records as specified; 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. 16-4-203(d) by creating a new  
8 paragraph (xiii) and 21-17-308 by creating a new subsection  
9 (e) are amended to read:

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11 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**  
12 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**  
13 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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15 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection  
16 of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

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2 (xiii) Records or information relating to  
3 individual diagnoses of contagious, infectious,  
4 communicable, toxic and genetic diseases maintained or  
5 collected by the Wyoming state veterinary laboratory as  
6 provided in W.S. 21-17-308(e).

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8 **21-17-308. Wyoming state veterinary laboratory.**

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10 (e) All individual identifying client information in  
11 the records and information maintained or collected by the  
12 Wyoming state veterinary laboratory related to diagnosis of  
13 contagious, infectious, communicable, toxic and genetic  
14 diseases of individual animals or herds shall be  
15 confidential and shall not be released except to the  
16 individual submitting the sample for diagnosis unless:

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18 (i) Laboratory testing results in the  
19 recognition of a state or federally reportable disease;

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21 (ii) It is in the best interests of animal or  
22 human public health, as determined by the director of the  
23 Wyoming state veterinary laboratory or his designee, to  
24 release the information; or

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(iii) The release of the information is required by state or federal law. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the duty of the Wyoming state veterinary laboratory or any other person to report contagious or infectious diseases as required by state or federal law.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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