

## 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 and genetic diseases maintained or collected  
5 by the Wyoming state veterinary laboratory as provided in  
6 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 records and information maintained or  
11 collected by the Wyoming state veterinary laboratory  
12 related to diagnosis of contagious, infectious,  
13 communicable and genetic diseases of individual animals or  
14 herds shall be confidential and shall not be released  
15 except to the individual submitting the sample for  
16 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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