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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Costs for emergency detentions-limitations.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to hospitalization of mentally ill persons;
2 limiting the costs that a county or the state may be
3 required to pay for persons detained to determine whether
4 the person is mentally ill and in need of involuntary
5 hospitalization; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 25-10-112(a)(i) and by creating a new
10 subsection (f) is amended to read:

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12 **25-10-112. Liability for costs of detention,**
13 **involuntary hospitalization and proceedings therefor.**

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2 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (d) and
3 (e) of this section, the county in which a person is
4 detained or in which involuntary hospitalization
5 proceedings are brought shall pay the costs of:

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7 (i) The first seventy-two (72) hours of
8 detention, in addition to any Saturday, Sunday or legal
9 holiday that falls within the seventy-two (72) hours,
10 pursuant to W.S. 25-10-109, including costs of medical
11 treatment for those conditions: demanding

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13 (A) That resulted in the emergency
14 detention of the person; or

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16 (B) That are attributable to affirmative
17 actions taken by the person that have placed the person in
18 danger of suicide or serious bodily harm and require
19 immediate medical attention.+

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21 (f) For purposes of this section, "costs" shall not
22 include the expenses for any medical procedures that are
23 not:

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(i) Related to the treatment for the suspected

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mental illness; or

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(ii) Otherwise specified in paragraph (a)(i) of

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this section.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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