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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Health care access pilot project.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Long Term Care Choices Act;
2 authorizing a statewide network of aging and disability
3 resource centers as specified; granting rulemaking
4 authority; authorizing amendments to the state Medicaid
5 plan; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. W.S. 42-6-109 is created to read:

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12 **42-6-109. Aging and disability resource centers.**

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1 (a) The department shall be authorized to apply to
2 the United States department of health and human services
3 for a grant to fund a statewide network of aging and
4 disability resource centers.

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6 (b) The purpose of each center shall be to create a
7 single, coordinated system of information and access for
8 all persons seeking long term support to minimize
9 confusion, enhance individual choice, and support informed
10 decision-making. Each center shall assist eligible persons
11 in making informed decisions about health care access and
12 long term care service and support options and shall serve
13 as a referral agency to the long term care support system.
14 Centers shall provide information and assistance to
15 individuals needing either public or private resources,
16 professionals seeing assistance on behalf of their clients
17 and individuals planning for their future long term care
18 needs

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20 (c) The department is directed to negotiate the terms
21 and conditions of the program with the United States
22 secretary of health and human services as necessary to
23 implement this section. To the extent required, the

1 department may amend the state plan for medical assistance
2 and services developed under W.S. 42-4-104(a)(ii) to
3 provide for the aging and disability resource center
4 network.

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6 (d) The department is authorized to adopt reasonable
7 rules and regulations to implement this section.

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9 **Section 2.** There is appropriated XXX dollars (\$X.00),
10 or as much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund
11 to the department of health for the fiscal biennium
12 beginning July 1, 2008, to implement the purposes of this
13 act.

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

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