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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Costs of emergency detention and hospitalization.

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

A BILL

for

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2 AN ACT relating to emergency detention and involuntary
3 hospitalization costs; limiting authority to seek recovery
4 of costs from patients as specified; and providing for an
5 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(d) is amended to read:

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11 **25-10-112. Liability for costs of detention,**
12 **involuntary hospitalization and proceedings therefor.**

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1 (d) The hospital or other treatment provider shall
2 attempt to recover all costs of treatment from public and
3 private health insurance, from patients, and from
4 government benefit programs prior to seeking payment from
5 the county or the department. If the patient has been
6 diagnosed as actually or potentially seriously and
7 persistently mentally ill and the patient's income is at or
8 below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty
9 level, the hospital or other treatment provider shall limit
10 its treatment cost recovery attempts with the patient to
11 not more than three (3) contacts with the patient.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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