

ENROLLED ACT NO. 14, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; providing standards for the involuntary administration of antipsychotic medications to a mentally ill person accused of a serious crime; requiring findings; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 7-11-303(e) is amended to read:

**7-11-303. Examination of accused to determine fitness to proceed; reports; commitment; defenses and objections.**

(e) If the initial report contains the recommendation that the accused should be held in a designated facility pending determination of the issue of mental fitness to proceed, the court may order that the accused be committed to or held in a designated facility pending determination of mental fitness to proceed. The court may order the involuntary administration of antipsychotic medications to a person accused of a serious crime as defined in W.S. 7-6-102(a)(v) to render the accused competent to stand trial, provided the court finds:

(i) There are important governmental interests at stake including, but not limited to:

(A) Bringing the accused to trial;

(B) Timely prosecution;

(C) Assuring the accused has a fair trial.

(ii) The involuntary administration of antipsychotic medications will significantly further the

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governmental interest and the administration of the medication is:

(A) Substantially likely to render the accused competent to stand trial; and

(B) Substantially unlikely to have side effects that will interfere significantly with the ability of the accused to assist counsel in conducting a trial defense, thereby rendering the trial unfair.

(iii) That any alternative and less intrusive treatments are unlikely to achieve substantially the same results; and

(iv) The administration pursuant to a prescription by a licensed psychiatrist of the antipsychotic medications is medically appropriate and is in the best medical interests of the accused in light of the accused's medical condition.

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk