

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0253

Health care commission.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon, Madden, Millin,  
Steward and Zwonitzer, Dn. and Senator(s)  
Johnson and Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government and the  
2 Wyoming health care commission; providing for legislative  
3 liaisons to the commission; amending procedure for choosing  
4 leadership of the commission as specified; amending  
5 procedure for appointment of a director; amending the  
6 duties of the commission as specified; extending the sunset  
7 date of the commission; providing an appropriation; and  
8 providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2801(b) and (d),  
13 9-2-2802(a)(intro), (i), 9-2-2803(a) and by creating new  
14 subsections (g) and (h) and 9-2-2804 are amended to read:

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1           9-2-2801. Health care commission created; membership;  
2 salary; meetings; advisory committees.

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4           (b) The commission shall consist of eleven (11)  
5 members appointed by the governor. In addition, the  
6 director of the department of health or the director's  
7 designee and the insurance commissioner or the  
8 commissioner's designee shall be ex officio members of the  
9 commission. In addition, the speaker of the house shall  
10 appoint two (2) representatives, with not more than one (1)  
11 member from the same political party, and the president of  
12 the senate shall appoint two (2) senators, with not more  
13 than one (1) member from the same political party, to serve  
14 as liaisons to facilitate planning and communication among  
15 the commission, the joint labor, health and social services  
16 interim committee and the legislature. Legislative  
17 liaisons shall be entitled to attend commission meetings  
18 but shall have no vote.

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20           (d) The ~~governor~~ commission shall ~~designate one (1)~~  
21 ~~member~~ elect members to serve as chairman and vice-  
22 chairman.

1           9-2-2802. Director; appointment; duties; additional  
2 staff; qualifications.

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4           (a) The ~~governor~~commission, with the consent of the  
5 ~~commission~~governor, shall appoint a director who shall  
6 serve at the pleasure of the commission. The director  
7 shall:

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9                   (i) Serve as administrative head of the  
10 commission and as a liaison among the governor's office,  
11 the legislature, the commission and the public;

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13           9-2-2803. Health care commission duties; report; open  
14 meetings; attorney general to represent; rulemaking.

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16           (a) In carrying out the directives of the  
17 legislature, the commission shall develop strategies to  
18 improve health care and reduce health care costs for  
19 Wyoming citizens by holding public meetings throughout the  
20 state, hearing from experts and other interested parties,  
21 studying and researching other states' actions on health  
22 care reform, studying and utilizing Wyoming and other  
23 pertinent data and considering current and past efforts.  
24 ~~and future possibilities that can be useful in decision~~

1 ~~making by addressing issues related to health care access,~~  
2 ~~quality and cost.~~

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4 (g) By July 1 of each year, the commission shall  
5 provide to the joint labor, health and social services  
6 interim committee a list of prioritized recommendations to  
7 improve the health care of Wyoming citizens. The commission  
8 shall specifically identify any recommendations requiring  
9 the enactment of legislation and any recommendations  
10 requiring additional research by and funding of consultants  
11 in order for the commission to make specific  
12 recommendations intended to result in improvements to the  
13 health care system in Wyoming. The commission may make  
14 advisory recommendations of policy initiatives regarding,  
15 but not limited to:

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17 (i) Procedures for planning, coordinating and  
18 developing statewide health related resources or programs;

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20 (ii) Monitoring assessment of whether health  
21 care is being delivered statewide in an optimal manner;

1           (iii) Monitoring assessment of whether  
2 legislated policy initiatives are being delivered in an  
3 optimal manner;

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5           (iv) Strategies for development of programs to  
6 enhance a statewide, integrated health care delivery  
7 system;

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9           (v) Providing health related information  
10 supportive of existing health related agencies and  
11 programs;

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13           (vi) Recommending policy to act as a catalyst  
14 and synthesizer of health policy in the public and private  
15 sectors;

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17           (vii) Providing the governor and legislature  
18 with measures of accountability for state funded health  
19 projects.

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21           (h) The commission shall continue to monitor health  
22 reform projects, including but not limited to:

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24           (i) Integrated health care pilot projects;

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(ii) Patient safety organizations;

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(iii) Health care access project design.

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**9-2-2804. Termination of article.**

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W.S. 9-2-2801 through 9-2-2803 are repealed effective June

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30, ~~2009~~2013.

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**Section 2.** There is appropriated five hundred forty-

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seven thousand one hundred forty-seven dollars

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(\$547,147.00) from the tobacco settlement trust income

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account to the health care commission. This appropriation

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shall be for the period beginning with the effective date

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of this act and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation

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shall only be expended for the purpose of commission

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studies and administration. Notwithstanding any other

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provision of law, this appropriation shall not be

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transferred or expended for any other purpose and any

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unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this

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appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,

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2010.

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