

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0206

Specialty hospitals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walsh, Iekel and Martin
and Senator(s) Barrasso, Hastert and Perkins

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to licensing and operation of health care
2 facilities; providing requirements for specialty hospitals
3 licensure; providing a definition; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-2-913 is created to read:

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10 **35-2-913. Specialty hospitals; requirements for**
11 **licensure.**

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13 (a) To be licensed under this chapter a specialty
14 hospital shall:

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1 (i) Provide a significant level of inpatient
2 care as defined by the department;

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4 (ii) Comply with all standards, rules and
5 regulations adopted by the department for hospitals;

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7 (iii) Provide appropriate discharge planning;

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9 (iv) Require a referring physician to disclose
10 if the specialty hospital does not provide intensive care
11 services and notify the patient that if intensive care
12 services are required, the patient will be transferred to
13 another hospital; and

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15 (v) Provide continuous emergency services that
16 comply with requirements for emergency facilities as
17 established by the department.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-2-901(a) by creating a new
20 paragraph (xxiv) and by amending and renumbering (xxiv) as
21 (xxv) is amended to read:

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23 **35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.**

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1 (a) As used in this act:

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3 (xxiv) "Specialty hospital" means a licensed
4 hospital, organized or incorporated as an entity which
5 permits stays of twenty-four (24) hours or more and is
6 primarily or exclusively engaged in the care and treatment
7 of one (1) or more of the following:

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9 (A) Patients with a cardiac condition;

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11 (B) Patients with an orthopedic condition;

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13 (C) Patients receiving a surgical
14 procedure; and

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16 (D) Any other specialized category of
17 services as designated by the department, but shall not
18 include:

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20 (I) Psychiatric hospitals;

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22 (II) Rehabilitation hospitals;

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24 (III) Children's hospitals;

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(IV) Long-term care hospitals; and

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(V) Cancer treatment hospitals.

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~~(xxiv)~~ (xv) "This act" means W.S. 35-2-901

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through ~~35-2-912~~ 35-2-913.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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