

SENATE FILE NO. SF0092

Long term care access.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Martin, Hastert and Scott and
Representative(s) Davison, Goggles and Jaggi

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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14 (a) The department is authorized, using competitive
15 grants and contracts, to fund a statewide network of seven
16 (7) aging and disability resource centers.

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2 (b) Locations of the seven (7) centers shall be
3 determined by the department of health, aging division. In
4 selecting locations, the division shall consider the degree
5 of local community support for a center by the provision of
6 a physical facility for the center, the contribution of any
7 local funding, or both.

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

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21 (d) The department may amend, to the extent required,
22 the state plan for medical assistance and services
23 developed pursuant to W.S. 42-4-104(a)(ii) to provide for
24 the aging and disability resource center network.

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(e) The department is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement this section.

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5 **Section 2.** There is appropriated four hundred twenty-
6 five thousand dollars (\$425,000.00) from the general fund
7 to the department of health. This appropriation shall be
8 for the period beginning with the effective date of this
9 act and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
10 only be expended for the purpose of establishing aging and
11 disability resource centers pursuant to W.S. 42-6-109,
12 created by this act. Notwithstanding any other provision
13 of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or
14 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
15 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
16 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2010. This
17 appropriation shall be included in the department's 2011-
18 2012 standard biennial budget request.

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20 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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22 (END)