

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0096

Professional assistance programs.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Stubson, Greene, Kasperik
and Throne and Senator(s) Perkins

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professional assistance programs;
2 expanding the program to include treatment for mental and
3 behavioral health issues; making corresponding amendment
4 regarding access to records by licensing authorities; and
5 providing for an 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. 33-1-115(a)(iii) and (d)(vi) is
10 amended to read:

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12 **33-1-115. Professional assistance programs for health**
13 **care providers and others as specified; confidentiality of**
14 **records.**

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16 (a) As used in this section:

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2 (iii) "Professional assistance program" or
3 "program" means a program or activity relating to mental or
4 behavioral health referral or treatment and to drug or
5 alcohol abuse prevention, referral, treatment or
6 rehabilitation, which is directly or indirectly assisted by
7 a board or commission or other organization established
8 under this title for the regulation of licensees or the
9 Wyoming state bar or the Wyoming professional teaching
10 standards board established under W.S. 21-2-801.

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12 (d) Whether or not the licensee gives his written
13 consent, the content of the record may be disclosed as
14 follows:

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16 (vi) To the state board or commission regulating
17 the licensee, if the diagnosis or prognosis determines a
18 clearly definable mental or behavioral health problem or
19 drug or alcohol abuse problem and the licensee refuses to
20 seek treatment.

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22 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2014.

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24 (END)