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Chapter No.: 99

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: Freestanding emergency center.

Subject: Provides for the licensure of freestanding emergency centers

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act establishes that no free standing emergency center operated by the emergency department of a Wyoming licensed hospital is required to be separately licensed.
- Pursuant to the act, freestanding emergency centers operated by a hospital district or a rural health care district are exempt from separate licensure requirements until June 30, 2019. This exemption applies only if the center has in place an adequate transfer agreement under which patients needing continuing care can be transferred to a hospital.
- The act requires freestanding emergency centers to accept patients regardless of age, Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance status or ability to pay. The act also requires any freestanding emergency center not owned by a Wyoming hospital to have an appropriate hospital transfer agreement in place.
- “Freestanding emergency center” is defined to mean a facility that provides 24-hour per day services for life threatening emergency medical conditions at a location separate from a hospital.

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