

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0295

Wyoming Pioneer Home-operational costs.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burkhart

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to institutions of the state; requiring the
2 Wyoming Pioneer Home to operate without a state subsidy as
3 specified; authorizing specified actions by rule relating to
4 indigent care in the Wyoming Pioneer Home; and providing for
5 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. 25-8-103 and 25-11-107 are amended to
10 read:

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12 **25-8-103. Conditions for admission; charges for care.**

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14 (a) Admission to the pioneer home and the Wyoming
15 retirement center shall be voluntary and only upon prior
16 approval by the department of health. Except as provided in

1 W.S. 25-11-107(b), indigent aged persons may be cared for
2 without charge. Nonindigent aged persons may be cared for
3 under terms and conditions fixed by the department pursuant
4 to subsection (b) of this section and W.S. 25-11-101 through
5 25-11-108.

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7 (b) Revenues received from residents of the pioneer
8 home under W.S. 25-11-101 through 25-11-108 shall, on June 30
9 of each year, equal or exceed all operational costs of the
10 pioneer home which are borne by the state of Wyoming. As used
11 in this subsection, "operational costs" include personnel
12 expenses, equipment and maintenance expenses, but shall not
13 include capital construction.

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15 **25-11-107. State to bear costs of those unable to pay.**

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17 (a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of
18 this section, if a resident or legally responsible person has
19 no available assets at the time of or during the resident's
20 stay at a state institution to pay an established charge, all
21 costs of treatment and transportation shall be borne by the
22 state.

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1 (b) The department of health may determine, by rule,
2 that indigent care shall not be provided at the pioneer home
3 if necessary to effectuate W.S. 25-8-103(b).

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5 (c) The department of health shall ensure that a
6 resident, or their legal guardian, applies for all benefits
7 for which the resident is eligible, including medicaid,
8 medicare and social security.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2022.

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