

Bill No.: HB0082 **Effective:** **Immediately**

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Chapter No.: 38

Prime Sponsor: Larsen, L

Catch Title: **Defendant mental illness examinations-amendments.**

Subject: Amending examinations of defendants to determine fitness to proceed.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law authorizes a court to order an examination of a defendant to determine the defendant's mental fitness to proceed with the case; the examination may take place at the Wyoming State Hospital on an outpatient or inpatient basis, a local mental health center on an inpatient or outpatient basis or at the place of detention.
- This act provides that, if the defendant is charged only with misdemeanor offenses, the examination may take place at a local mental health center on an inpatient or outpatient basis, at the place of detention or at the Wyoming State Hospital on an outpatient basis.
- The act provides that an examination of defendants charged with misdemeanors may be on an inpatient basis at the Wyoming State Hospital if the outpatient examination shows that an inpatient examination is warranted.
- The act does not change the permissible locations for mental examinations for defendants charged with at least one felony.

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