

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0250

Defining life and the rights of natural persons.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Neiman, Angelos, Bear,
Geringer, Haroldson and Heiner and
Senator(s) Biteman, Dockstader, Hicks,
Hutchings and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to statutes and rules of construction;
2 specifying definitions and rules of construction for the
3 term "person"; specifying exceptions; making conforming
4 amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 8-1-102(a)(vi) and 8-1-103 by
9 creating a new subsection (b) are amended to read:

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11 **8-1-102. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in the statutes unless the legislature
2 clearly specifies a different meaning or interpretation or
3 the context clearly requires a different meaning:

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5 (vi) "Person" includes an individual,
6 partnership, corporation, joint stock company or any other
7 association or entity, public or private. When applicable
8 to an individual, the interpretation and construction
9 specified in W.S. 8-1-103(b) shall apply to this
10 definition;

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12 **8-1-103. Rules of construction for statutes.**

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14 (b) For purposes of interpretation and construction
15 under the Wyoming constitution and all statutes of this
16 state, the following shall apply:

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18 (i) All individual persons are living human
19 beings entitled to protection of their health. This right
20 is a fundamental right entitled to full protection under
21 the Wyoming constitution;

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1 (ii) When applicable to an individual person,
2 "person" is someone who possesses at least one (1) of the
3 following:

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5 (A) Heart function;

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7 (B) Respiratory system function;

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9 (C) Central nervous system function;

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11 (D) Brain function;

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13 (E) Skeletal development or function;

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15 (F) Joint or muscle appendage development;

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17 (G) Organ function.

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19 (iii) No parent, guardian or legal
20 representative of any other person shall make health care
21 decisions causing harm to the functions specified in
22 paragraph (ii) of this subsection except as necessary when
23 medically documented and as a necessity to save the life of

1 a pregnant woman and except for the discontinuation of
2 medical treatment or care that keeps a person alive where a
3 doctor has documented that there is no chance of a
4 meaningful recovery. All exception determinations under
5 this paragraph shall be evaluated by the Wyoming board of
6 medicine;

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8 (iv) The definitions and rules of construction
9 specified in this subsection shall not apply to the Wyoming
10 Health Care Decisions Act.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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