

**Bill No.:** HB0042 **Effective:** **Immediately**

**LSO No.:** **25LSO-0224**

**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0026

**Chapter No.:** 46

**Prime Sponsor:** Lawley

**Catch Title:** **Regulation of surgical abortions.**

**Has Report:** No

**Subject:** Requiring the licensure of surgical abortion facilities.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act requires surgical abortion facilities (those that use surgery or medical tools to provide an abortion) to be licensed as an ambulatory surgical center. Each surgical abortion facility must comply with all rules of the Wyoming Department of Health concerning the operation and regulation of ambulatory surgical centers.
- Under this act, no surgical abortion facility can provide surgical abortions to any pregnant woman without first being licensed as an ambulatory surgical center.
- Each licensed physician performing a surgical abortion at a surgical abortion facility must report each surgical abortion to the Wyoming Department of Health and submit documentation to the Department showing that the physician has admitting privileges at a hospital located not more than ten miles from the surgical abortion facility.
- The act provides that only Wyoming-licensed physicians with admitting privileges at an adjacent hospital can perform surgical abortions at surgical abortion facilities in Wyoming.
- Violation of the facility licensure requirement and the admitting-privileges requirement is a misdemeanor, while violation of the requirement for a physician with admitting privileges to perform surgical abortions is a felony.
- The act requires the Department of Health to promulgate rules for regulating surgical abortion facilities as ambulatory surgical centers.
- The act specifies that, if any provision of this act conflicts with the Life is a Human Right Act or W.S. 35-6-139 (prohibiting chemical abortions), the provisions of those statutes control over this act if those statutes are in effect.

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**Comments:**

- This act requires the Department of Health to promulgate rules.
- This act is effective immediately.

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