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Bill No.	Title & Summary	Sponsor	WHA Position	House	Senate	Notes
HB0033	WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS - EXPERIENCE MODIFICATION An act relating to workers' compensation; amending the limits on employers' experience modification rate as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0014
HB0034	CONVALESCENT CARE CENTER An act relating to public health and safety; providing for the licensure of convalescent care centers as a health care facility; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Oppose	Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee		Failed 4-5 vote in committee Monday 1/19
HB0045	HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY An act relating to the insurance code; excluding health care sharing ministries from the provisions of the insurance code; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Barlow, Eklund, Wilson Sen: Peterson	Support	Passed Corporations Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed Corporations Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0082
HB0057	HEALTH INSURANCE - MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEWS An act relating to health insurance plans; amending requirements for review of an insurer's determination that a claimed service, procedure or supply is not medically necessary; providing a definition of health insurance plan; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd reading w/ amendments	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0005
HB0058	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICE TRANSITION GRANTS An act relating to Medicaid; creating a grant program to assist developmental disability service providers in complying with a revised Medicaid waiver program as specified; providing grant criteria; establishing an account; requiring reports; providing an appropriation' and providing for effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, re-referred to Appropriations - passed general file, 2nd/3rd read	Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee	

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HB0059	WORKFORCE SERVICES - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS An act relating to labor and employment; amending the definition of independent contractor for purposes of unemployment compensation and workers' compensation; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.	Rep Larsen	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee		
HB0071	NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS An act relating to the Wyoming investment in nursing program; amending requirements for the master's and doctorate level education loans as specified; amending loan payback requirements; extending the program sunset date; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, re-referred to Appropriations, passed general file, 2nd/3rd reads	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0003
HB0088	HEALTH PROVIDER RECRUITING PROGRAMS An act relating to public health and safety; increasing authorized payments under the allied health care provider loan repayment program; amending the physician recruitment grant program to also allow recruitment of other health care providers; amending grant requirements as specified; providing a definition; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Wilson, Baldwin, Hunt, Larssen, Throne Sens: Dockstader, Driskill, Peterson	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, re-referred to Appropriations, passed general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, re-referred to Appropriations, passed general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0060
HB0107	INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT An act relating to professions and occupations; adopting the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; requiring reporting; making a conforming amendment; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Wilson, Berger, Harvey, Stubson, Throne Sens: JD Anderson, Hastert, Landen, Peterson	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0056

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HB0119	DEATH WITH DIGNITY An act relating to public health; providing that a capable patient with a terminal disease may request prescription of self-administered medication for the purpose of hastening death; providing that patients have a right to information as specified; specifying waiting periods and residency requirements; specifying the effect of the act on insurance policies; providing immunities for participation in the act; specifying limitations; providing definitions; granting rulemaking authority; and providing for effective date.	Reps: Dan Zwonitzer & Connolly	Monitor	Travel Committee did not take action on bill, recommending for interim study		
HB0122	WORKERS COMPENSATION PERMANENT DISABILITY An act relating to workers compensation; clarifying that a permanent total disability award be reduced for prior partial awards as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Rep Bob Nicholas	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, re-referred to Appropriations, passed general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0019
HB0151	GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY - WAIVER FOR HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES An act relating to governmental immunity; providing a waiver of governmental immunity for damages caused by a violation of whistleblower statutes for medical facilities; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Connolly, B Nicholas, Sommers, Wilson Sens: Craft, Hastert	Monitor	Passed Judiciary Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed Judiciary Committee, on general file	
HB0162	PROVIDERS ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT (POLST) An act relating to public health; creating the Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment Program Act; providing for execution of health care treatment documents and orders as specified; requiring compliance with medical orders as specified; providing for civil and criminal immunity as specified; requiring rulemaking; providing for continued effectiveness of prior medical directives; repealing the cardiopulmonary resuscitation directives statute; and providing for effective dates.	Reps: Wilson, Brown, Esquibel, Harvey, Kasperik, Winters Sens: Craft, Ross	Support	Passed Appropriations Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read - w/ amendments	Passed LHSS Committee w/ amendments, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0095

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HB0163	CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE PROGRAM An act relating to public health; extending the critical access/rural hospital endowment challenge program as specified; amending qualifications for receipt of funds; modifying reversion dates; making conforming amendments; repealing obsolete provisions; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Hunt, Berger, Lindholm, Pelkey, Steinmetz Sens: Craft, Driskill, Meier, Peterson	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read w/ amendments	Introduced and referred to Appropriations Committee	not taken up by appropriations committee
HB0173	TOBACCO TAX REVISIONS An act relating to taxation and revenue; providing for an increase in tobacco taxes as specified; providing for distribution by continuous appropriation to the department of health as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Harvey, Baldwin, Connolly, McKim. Sens: Scott, Von Flatern	Support	Failed Revenue Committee on 1-8 vote		
HB0174	NICOTINE PRODUCTS REGULATION An act relating to nicotine products; requiring the department of health to provide educational material to adult tobacco consumers on the continuum of risk of tobacco products; requiring liquid nicotine products to be sold in child resistant packaging; establishing a penalty for failure to meet child resistant packaging standards and authorizing enforcement by the department of agriculture; providing definitions; prohibiting all tobacco products from schools, day cares and preschools; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Walters, K Esquibel, Harvey, Dan Zwonitzer Sens: Craft, Wasserburger	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	HEA0079
HF0188	BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AMENDMENTS	Rep: Krone	Monitor	Introduced and referred to Corporations		
HB0216	VETERANS SKILLED NURSING CENTER	Reps: Berger, barlow, Burkhart, Harvey, Jennings, Kasperik, Patton, Throne Sens: Burns, Coe, Kinskey, Von Flatern	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Received for introduction	
HB0232	OPEN MEETINGS An act relating to public meetings; authorizing a governing body to take action upon confidential information during an executive session; and providing for an effective date.	Rep: B Nicholas Sens: P Nicholas, Perkins	Monitor - per proposed amendment	Introduced and referred to Corporations - bill laid back by sponsors		

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HB0240	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCHOOL An act relating to education; establishing a task force to review the feasibility of a physician assistant school in Wyoming; providing appropriations; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Harshman, Baldwin, Barlow, Kasperik, Wilson Sens: Coe, Cooper, Driskill, Iandem, Peterson	Support	Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee		
HB0245	MEDICAID SHARE PLAN - 2 An act relating to Medicaid; providing for expansion of coverage to low income persons as specified; authorizing a Medicaid demonstration waiver and state plan amendment; providing waiver and plan amendment requirements as specified; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Reps: Wilson, Throne Sen: Pappas	Support	Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee		Bill laid back by LHSS committee 2/6
HJ0011	NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES A joint resolution proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to modify, in health care provider cases, the general prohibition against the legislature limiting the amount of damages that may be recovered for causing personal injury or death or any person.	Reps: Kasperik, Baldwin, Burkhart, Halverson, Harvey, Stubson Sens: Burns, Christensen, Kinskey, Von Flatern	Support	Failed Appropriations Committee		
SF0031	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORTS - CLEANUP An act relating to the administration of government; deleting requirements from reports from the department of health to the legislature as specified; requiring the department to provide reports from the department's internal performance measurement system; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0012
SF0032	SMALL EMPLOYER GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE An act relating to small employer health insurance availability; providing that dependent coverage shall be optional; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0006

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SF0035	SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION An act relating to consumer protection; specifying notice requirements to consumers affected by breaches of personal identifying information; requiring identity theft prevention and mitigation services for affected Wyoming residents as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Corporations Committee	Monitor	Passed Corporations Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed Corporations Committee w/ amendments, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0022
SF0036	PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION - DEFINITIONS An act relating to crimes and offenses and consumer protections; amending definitions relating to personal identifying information; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Corporations Committee	Monitor	Passed Corporations Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed Corporations Committee w/ amendments, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0020
SF0048	MEDICAID - CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES An act relating to Medicaid; authorizing direct payment of services by chiropractors as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Sen Geis	Monitor		Received for introduction	
SF0061	CHIROPRACTOR LICENSURE - AMENDMENTS An act relating to chiropractic physicians; changing the title of chiropractic practitioners from "chiropractor" to "chiropractic physician"; conforming related statutory references; and providing for an effective date.	Sen Geis	Oppose		Received for introduction	
SF0062	ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY PARITY An act relating to health insurance; requiring that insurers provide coverage for oral chemotherapy in the same manner as injectable and intravenous chemotherapy; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.	Sen JD Anderson Rep Kirkbride	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0025
SF0064	WYOMING HEALTH INSURANCE POOL ACT EXTENSION An act relating to the Wyoming Health Insurance Pool Act; amending eligibility as specified; extending a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0009

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SF0066	MEDICAID - EXPANSION ALTERNATIVE An act relating to Medicaid; providing for expansion of coverage to low income persons as specified; authorizing a Medicaid demonstrations waiver; providing waiver requirements as specified; creating the health care reserve account; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor in context with SHARE Plan version likely to also be filed.		LHSS Committee laid bill back - passed SF129 as replacement bill	
SF0079	TITLE OF CHIROPRACTORS An act relating to chiropractic practice; providing for use of the title chiropractic physician; and providing for an effective date.	Sen Geis	Oppose		Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee	
SF0088	EMERGENCY CARE - STROKE & ACUTE HEART ATTACK PATIENTS An act relating to health care facilities; providing for designation of hospitals as acute stroke ready centers; requiring emergency medical services providers to adopt protocols for stroke and acute heart attack patients as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Sens: Craft, Coe Reps: Dayton, Hunt, Kasperik, Northrup, Wilson	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee w/ amendments, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0073
SF0090	MEDICAID - CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES-2 An act relating to medical services; specifying that services of a chiropractic physician are authorized for medical assistance; and providing for an effective date.	Sens: Geis, Dockstader	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee w/ amendments, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0070
SF0102	MEDICAL BILLING - PROVISIONAL PROVIDERS An act relating to Medicaid; providing that mental health services may be provided by mental health professionals holding a provisional license as specified; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.	Sens: Landen, JD Anderson, Craft Reps: Harvey, Kasperik, Kroeker, Walters	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0021
SF0119	HOSPICE - RESPITE CARE An act relating to health care facility licensing; authorizing hospice facilities to provide short term respite care as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Sens: Scott, JL Anderson, Landen, Perkins Reps: Lockhart, Stubson, Walters	Monitor	Passed LHSS Committee, general file w/ amendments, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0043

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SF0129	MEDICAID SHARE PLAN An act relating to Medicaid; providing for expansion of coverage to low income persons as specified; authorizing a Medicaid demonstration waiver and state plan amendment; providing waiver and plan amendment requirements as specified; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Sens: Von Flatern, Emerich, Pappas Rep: Wilson	Support		Passed LHSS Committee 4-1, referred to Appropriations, issued 4-1 do-not-pass recommendation, passed general file, 2nd read - extensive amendment actions	Failed on 11-19 Senate 3rd read
SF0136	EXPEDITED EMT LICENSING An act relating to emergency medical services licensing; providing for the conditional licensing of emergency medical services personnel; requiring the promulgation of rules as specified; removing any requirement that the legislature approve agency rules; and providing for an effective date.	Sen: Kinskey	Support	Passed Corporations Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed Judiciary Committee, general file, 2nd/3rd read	SEA0065
SF0145	HOSPITAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE An act relating to public health; providing for payments to acute care hospitals for uncompensated care as specified; providing definitions; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Sens: Peterson, JD Anderson, Driskill, Landen Rep: Barlow	Support	Passed LHSS Committee, appropriations committee w/ amendments, on general file, 2nd/3rd read	Passed LHSS Committee, w/ amendments, referred to Appropriations, issued do-not-pass recommendation. Passed general file, 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0090
SJ0001	RIGHT OF PRIVACY - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A joint resolution proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution by creating a new section providing that the right of individual privacy is essential to the well-being of a free society and shall not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest.	Joint Corporations Committee	Monitor		Passedd Corporations Committee, failed on general file 13-17	