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WYOMING BOARD OF MEDICINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL REASONS

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The proposed rules address four areas:

Continuing to streamline the issuance of licenses to physicians by:

- Permitting the Executive Director to issue temporary licenses to applicants who may need a licensure interview with the Board. This change is intended to assist in speeding the process of licensing new physicians in Wyoming.
- Setting a maximum term of 180 days for physician licenses issued under the Board's expedited endorsement process. This change allows ample time for a physician to practice in Wyoming while completing his or her application file for permanent licensure.

Clarifying post-graduate training requirements for physician license applicants who have had substantial difficulty passing national licensing examinations.

Expanding the ability of physicians to practice in volunteer capacity by:

- Removing potentially unconstitutional residency requirements for holders of inactive and emeritus licenses.
- Permitting a holder of an emeritus (volunteer) license to receive nominal compensation without losing emeritus status in order to have professional liability protection.

Protecting the public by changing from permitting a licensee to file an Answer to a disciplinary case Petition to requiring an Answer, and extending the time for filing an Answer from twenty (20) days to thirty (30).

As required by WYO. STAT. ANN. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G), these proposed rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.