

SENATE FILE NO. SF0126

Water quality.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks and Representative(s) Allen
and Paxton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water quality; requiring development of
2 water quality standards as specified; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-302 by creating a new
8 subsection (c) is amended to read:

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10 **35-11-302. Administrator's authority to recommend**
11 **standards, rules, regulations or permits.**

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13 (c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to
14 supersede or abrogate any valid water right. It is
15 recognized that diversion of water caused by the exercise

1 of a valid water right is an allowable practice. The
2 administrator shall:

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4 (i) Develop water quality standards for surface
5 waters where hydrologic modification resulting from the
6 exercise of valid water rights precludes the attainment of
7 existing water quality standards;

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9 (ii) Prepare a schedule to develop appropriate
10 water quality standards based on the completion of a use
11 attainability analysis for any waters that have been
12 identified pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1315(b) where dams,
13 diversions or other types of hydrologic modification
14 preclude the attainment of any existing water quality
15 standard.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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19 (END)