

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0217

Atomic Energy Act agreement state study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Miller, Harshman and
Larsen and Senator(s) Anderson, J.D. (SD02),
Bebout and Cooper

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to environmental quality; providing that a
2 study shall be commissioned to determine the feasibility of
3 the state of Wyoming becoming an agreement state under the
4 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 for the licensing of source
5 material and source material recovery and standards for
6 radiation protection; requiring a report; providing an
7 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) The department of environmental quality, in
14 consultation with the attorney general's office and the
15 governor's office, shall commission a study to determine
16 the feasibility of managing a radiation protection program

1 that is consistent with federal statutes and regulations
2 and the licensing of source material and source material
3 recovery. This study shall focus on statutory, regulatory
4 and budgetary changes necessary for the state of Wyoming to
5 become an agreement state under the Atomic Energy Act of
6 1954, 42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq., pursuant to subsection (a)
7 of this section.

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9 (b) The department of environmental quality, land
10 quality division, in consultation with the attorney
11 general's office and the governor's office shall report to
12 the joint minerals, business and economic development
13 interim committee not later than October 1, 2013 regarding
14 the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
15 section. The report should focus on necessary statutory,
16 regulatory, organizational and budgetary changes necessary
17 for the state of Wyoming to become an agreement state under
18 the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq., in
19 order to eliminate dual federal and state regulation of the
20 uranium industry in the state of Wyoming to the benefit of
21 the economy and environment of the state of Wyoming.

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23 (c) The joint minerals, business and economic
24 development interim committee may consider sponsoring

1 legislation in the 2014 budget session of the legislature
2 of the state of Wyoming necessary for the state of Wyoming
3 to become an agreement state under the Atomic Energy Act of
4 1954, 42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.

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6 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one hundred thousand
7 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the
8 department of environmental quality. This appropriation
9 shall only be expended for the purpose of commissioning a
10 study pursuant to section 1 of this act. Notwithstanding
11 any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
12 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
13 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
14 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
15 2014.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
20 Constitution.

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22 (END)