

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0010

Water well permits.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water; authorizing the state engineer to
2 approve multiple wells with a single permit as specified;
3 and providing for an 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. 41-3-930(a) is amended to read:

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9 **41-3-930. Application; who required to file; filing;**
10 **contents; use of water from existing well; statement of**
11 **claim.**

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13 (a) Any person who intends to acquire the right to
14 beneficial use of any underground water in the state of
15 Wyoming, shall, before commencing construction of any well
16 or other means of obtaining underground water or performing

1 any work in connection with construction or proposed
2 appropriation of underground water or any manner utilizing
3 the water for beneficial purposes, file with the state
4 engineer an application for a permit to make the
5 appropriation and shall not proceed with any construction
6 or work until a permit is granted by the state engineer,
7 provided, that whenever a bore hole constructed for mineral
8 exploration, oil and gas exploration, stratigraphic
9 information or any other purpose not related to groundwater
10 development shall be found to be suitable for the
11 withdrawal of underground water, application shall be filed
12 with and approved by the state engineer before water from
13 the bore hole is beneficially utilized. The state engineer
14 may authorize the construction and use of multiple wells
15 for industrial purposes for in situ mining or dewatering
16 with a single permit if the groundwater to be developed by
17 the proposed appropriation is to be used for a single
18 purpose within the department of environmental quality
19 permit boundary and served from a single source of supply.
20 The application shall contain the name and post-office
21 address of applicant or applicants, a detailed description
22 of the proposed use, the location by legal subdivision of
23 the proposed well or other means of obtaining underground
24 water, the estimated depth of the proposed well, the

1 quantity of water proposed to be withdrawn and beneficially
2 utilized in gallons per minute and acre-feet per calendar
3 year, the location by legal subdivision of the area or
4 point of use shall be provided, and such other information
5 as the state engineer may require.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

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12 (END)