

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0198

ENROLLED ACT NO. 65, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the University of Wyoming; clarifying the authority of the university over water; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-17-126 is created to read:

21-17-126. University water system.

(a) Subject to title 41 of the Wyoming statutes and notwithstanding any municipal or county ordinance, the University of Wyoming may:

(i) Develop, drill, construct, operate, maintain and use any water line, system, well or works on property owned by the university for the purposes of distributing, providing and using nonpotable water on property owned or leased by the university for miscellaneous use where water is to be used for landscape watering, lawns, athletic fields, trees, shrubs and flowers;

(ii) Connect a building, facility, landscape, lot, premises or structure owned by the university to any water line, system, well or works operated, maintained or used by the university.

(b) No city or county shall restrict or prohibit the university from developing, drilling, constructing, operating, maintaining or using any water system independent of the city's or county's water system.

Section 2. W.S. 15-7-701 by creating a new subsection (d) is amended to read:

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15-7-701. Authority to construct; rights of operator; limitations; applicability.

(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to restrict, prohibit or otherwise affect the rights of the University of Wyoming under W.S. 21-17-126.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk