

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0220

Conservation easements-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Ottman, Eklund, Hoeft,
McCann and Winter and Senator(s) Hutchings,
Laursen, D and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to property, conveyances and security
2 transactions; limiting the duration of conservation
3 easements to thirty (30) years; providing definitions;
4 making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-15-103 by creating a new subsection
10 (s) and 34-1-202(c) are amended to read:

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12 **9-15-103. Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust**
13 **account created; income account created; expenditures;**
14 **purposes.**

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1 (s) No funds shall be disbursed under this act for
2 the purchase of any conservation easement that is not in
3 compliance with the duration requirements of W.S.
4 34-1-202(c).

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6 **34-1-202. Creation; conveyance; acceptance and**
7 **duration.**

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9 (c) Except as provided by W.S. 34-1-203(b), a
10 conservation easement is unlimited in duration unless the
11 instrument creating the easement provides otherwise.
12 Beginning July 1, 2025, no conservation easement shall be
13 created with a duration greater than thirty (30) years but
14 may allow an opportunity for renewal of the conservation
15 easement upon expiration of the specified duration. No
16 conservation easement that violates the durational
17 requirement of this subsection shall be conveyed, recorded
18 or assigned.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) This act applies to all conservation easements
23 created on and after July 1, 2025.

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2 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter,
3 amend or impair any contract or agreement entered into
4 before July 1, 2025.

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6 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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