

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0022

Water and wastewater operator-emergency response.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Campbell, E and Senator(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to homeland security; amending a definition
2 to include certified water and wastewater operators for
3 purposes of emergency response; requiring local homeland
4 security plans to coordinate with certified water and
5 wastewater operators as specified; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-13-108 and 35-9-152(a)(i) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **19-13-108. Local programs; authorized; local homeland**
14 **security plan; coordinators; appointment and removal.**

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1 Each political subdivision of this state shall establish a
2 local homeland security program in accordance with the
3 state homeland security plan and program. Each political
4 subdivision through the homeland security program will
5 cause to be prepared a local homeland security plan which
6 will include actions essential to the recovery and
7 restoration of the economy by supply and resupply of
8 resources to meet urgent survival and military needs and to
9 provide for the ongoing management of resources available
10 to meet continuing survival and recovery needs. Each local
11 homeland security plan shall require coordination with each
12 certified water and wastewater operator necessary to
13 provide emergency and public safety services for homeland
14 security. Each local homeland security program shall have a
15 coordinator appointed by the governor upon the
16 recommendation of the local jurisdiction. The coordinator
17 has direct responsibility for the organization,
18 administration and operation of the local homeland security
19 program subject to the direction and control of the local
20 jurisdiction under the general direction of the governor.
21 The governor may remove any coordinator as provided in W.S.
22 9-1-202.

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1 **35-9-152. Definitions.**

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3 (a) As used in this act:

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5 (i) "Emergency responders" means public, state
6 or federal fire services, law enforcement, emergency
7 medical services, public health, public works including
8 certified water and wastewater operators, homeland security
9 and other public response services or agencies that would
10 be involved in direct actions to contain or control a
11 hazardous material release, weapons of mass destruction
12 incident or clandestine laboratory investigation. The term
13 "emergency responders" does not include private on-site
14 facilities with immediate emergency response capabilities
15 unless formally requested to assist off the private
16 facility site by the state or a political subdivision of
17 the state;

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

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