

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0334

Instream flow amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Storer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water; allowing for the private
2 ownership of water rights for instream flow purposes; and
3 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. 41-3-1002(e) and 41-3-1007 by
8 creating a new subsection (b) and by renumbering (b) as (c)
9 are amended to read:

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11 **41-3-1002. Instream flows to be by stream segment;**
12 **waters for instream flows may be sold, transferred or**
13 **otherwise conveyed under certain restrictions; ownership**
14 **restricted.**

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1 (e) ~~No person other than~~The state of Wyoming ~~shall~~
2 or any person may own any instream flow water right.

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4 **41-3-1007. Acquisition of existing rights for**
5 **instream flow purposes.**

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7 (b) Any person may acquire an existing water right or
8 petition for a change of use for instream flow purposes in
9 accordance with this chapter.

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11 ~~(b)~~(c) Any such water rights acquired and changed
12 shall be limited to a specified stream segment by the board
13 of control with priority date intact.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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