

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0343

Pipeline and utility location-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lockhart and Edwards and
Senator(s) Hawks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highways; providing for acquisition of
2 utility corridors; providing for locating pipelines and
3 utilities in highway rights-of-way; providing definitions;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 24-16-101 through 24-16-103 are
9 created to read:

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CHAPTER 16

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PIPELINES AND UTILITIES LOCATION

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14 **24-16-101. Short title.**

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1 This chapter may be cited as the "Pipeline and Utility
2 Location Act".

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4 **24-16-102. Definitions.**

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6 As used in this chapter, "utility corridor" means an area
7 of highway right-of-way designated or used for the joint
8 location of utilities, either public or private.

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10 **24-16-103. Location of pipelines and utilities.**

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12 (a) The transportation commission may allow parallel
13 pipeline or line encroachments within the highway right-of-
14 way.

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16 (b) When parallel encroachment is allowed, the
17 facilities shall be located as close to the highway right-
18 of-way line and as far from the highway centerline as
19 possible.

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21 (c) Support facilities for pipelines, including
22 storage tanks, valves, clean-out traps, compressors,
23 cathodic protection fields, rectifiers and similar

1 facilities shall be located off the highway right-of-way
2 whenever possible.

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4 (d) Pressure regulators, whether in huts or vaults,
5 metering equipment, hydrants and service line shut-off
6 valves shall be located off the highway right-of-way
7 whenever possible.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 24-2-102(a)(i)(G), (H), by creating a
10 new subparagraph (J) and (b) is amended to read:

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12 **24-2-102. General powers; power of eminent domain**
13 **limited.**

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15 (a) To construct, maintain and supervise the public
16 highways of this state, the department of transportation is
17 authorized to:

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19 (i) Acquire, hold and manage real property in
20 the name of the transportation commission and to develop,
21 improve, operate and maintain the same for any necessary
22 public purpose. Lands acquired for rights-of-way for
23 highways may be up to three hundred (300) feet wide and
24 greater where extra width is necessary for:

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(G) Roadside rest areas;~~and~~

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(H) Scenic roadside areas;~~and~~ and

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(J) Utility corridors.

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(b) The commission shall not acquire property by eminent domain except for highway rights-of-way as specified by subparagraphs (a)(i)(A) through (F) and (J) of this section and only if the property for those purposes is immediately adjacent to the highway right-of-way.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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