

Doug Owens proposes the following substitute bill:

Water Sprinkler Efficiency Requirements

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses activities related to spray sprinkler bodies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits certain activities related to spray sprinkler bodies;
- provides exceptions; and
- creates an enforcement process.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

13-75-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13-75-201, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13-75-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **13-75-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 75. SPRAY SPRINKLER BODIES ACT

Part 1. General Provisions

13-75-101 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Agricultural land" means "land in agricultural use" as defined in Section 59-2-502.

- 29 (2) "Commercial entity" means a person engaged in the business of selling, distributing, or
30 installing sprinkler equipment within the state.
- 31 (3) "Landscape area" means those portions of land that are not, or will not be, occupied by:
32 (a) a permanent structure; or
33 (b) an impervious surface associated with vehicular or pedestrian access or use, such as
34 a driveway, sidewalk, or parking lot.
- 35 (4) "Spray sprinkler body" means the exterior case or shell of a sprinkler incorporating a
36 means of connection to the piping system designed to convey water to a nozzle or orifice.

37 Section 2. Section **13-75-201** is enacted to read:

38 **Part 2. Prohibited Actions**

39 **13-75-201 . Prohibited actions -- Exceptions.**

- 40 (1) On or after July 1, 2026, a commercial entity may not sell, offer for sale, distribute, or
41 install a new spray sprinkler body that:
- 42 (a) is intended to be installed within the state; and
43 (b) does not:
- 44 (i) include an integral pressure regulator; or
45 (ii) meet or exceed the water efficiency, performance criteria, and other requirements
46 specified in the WaterSense Specification for Spray Sprinkler Bodies, Version 1.0,
47 adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 48 (2) This chapter does not apply to a spray sprinkler body that is:
- 49 (a) specifically excluded from the scope of the WaterSense Specification for Spray
50 Sprinkler Bodies, Version 1.0;
- 51 (b) ordered by or is in the inventory of the commercial entity on January 1, 2026;
- 52 (c) installed before July 1, 2026, and is removed and reinstalled in the same landscape
53 area on or after July 1, 2026;
- 54 (d) manufactured in the state for shipment and use outside of the state;
- 55 (e) manufactured outside the state and sold at wholesale inside the state for final retail
56 sale and installation outside the state;
- 57 (f) used on agricultural land; or
- 58 (g) used by a business for activities regulated under Title 40, Mines and Mining.

59 Section 3. Section **13-75-301** is enacted to read:

60 **Part 3. Enforcement**

61 **13-75-301 . Enforcement powers of attorney general.**

- 62 (1)(a) The attorney general has the sole authority to enforce this chapter.
63 (b) This chapter does not create a private right of action.
- 64 (2)(a) If a person believes that a commercial entity violated or is in violation of this
65 chapter, the person may file a complaint with the attorney general.
66 (b) Upon receipt of a complaint, the attorney general may initiate an investigation.
- 67 (3) If, based on investigation, the attorney general believes that a commercial entity
68 violated or is in violation of this chapter, the attorney general may send the commercial
69 entity written notice that identifies each violation and directs the commercial entity to
70 cease each violation within 30 days after the day on which the commercial entity
71 receives the notice.
- 72 (4)(a) The attorney general may initiate a civil action against a commercial entity who
73 fails to cease a violation of this chapter within the 30-day time period described in
74 Subsection (3).
75 (b) In an action under this Subsection (4), the attorney general may seek, and the court
76 may order:
77 (i) injunctive relief;
78 (ii) if the court determines that the commercial entity recklessly or willfully violated
79 this chapter, a civil fine of not to exceed:
80 (A) \$250 for a first violation; or
81 (B) \$1,000 for each subsequent violation; and
82 (iii) costs and reasonable attorney fees to the attorney general if the court issues an
83 injunction or imposes a civil fine.
- 84 (5) The attorney general shall deposit money received from the payment of a civil fine
85 imposed under this section into the General Fund.
- 86 (6) In connection with an investigation or civil action authorized by this chapter, the
87 attorney general may issue a subpoena to require:
88 (a) the attendance and sworn testimony of a witness; and
89 (b) the production of evidence.
- 90 **Section 4. Effective Date.**
91 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.