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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-555)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1239, L.D. 1543, Bill,
"AN ACT to Consolidate the Mining and Rehabilitation of Land
into the Site Location of Development Statute."

Amend the Bill in section 13, subsection 2-A in the 3rd
line (same line in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word
"not"

Further amend the Bill in section 13, by striking out all
of the underlined subsection 4-B and inserting in its place
the following:

'4-B. Reclamation. "Reclamation" means the rehabilitation
of the area of land affected by mining under a plan approved by
the board, including, but not limited to, the creation of lakes
or ponds, where practicable, the planting of forests, the seeding
of grasses and legumes for grazing purposes, the planting of
crops for harvest and the enhancement of wildlife and aquatic
resources, but not including the filling in of pits, shafts and
underground workings with solid materials.'

Further amend the Bill in section 14, in that part designated
"§490." by striking out all of the underlined subsection 1 and
inserting in its place the following:

'1. Requirement. All mining activities shall include provisions for safety and reclamation of the land area affected or otherwise comply with an approval issued pursuant to this chapter.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment broadens the definition of reclamation to include creating ponds from open pits and quarries and continues the current exemption for pits, shafts and underground workings contained in the present mining statutes. The amendment also makes several minor technical changes, and clarifies the State's policy on reclamation.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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