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History and Final Disposition

LD 1853 / HP1371

Original Title: An Act To Improve Environmental Oversight and Streamline Permitting for Mining in Maine. New Title: An Act To Improve Environmental Oversight and Streamline Permitting for Metallic Mineral Mining in Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Referred to Jt. Standing Comm. on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearings 03/14/12, 04/05/12. Majority (Ought to Pass as Amended) Accepted 04/12/12. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-940. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/24/12, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 653.

Original Bill

[LD 1853 \(125th Legis. 2012\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1853 / PL 2011, c. 653](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf125-LD-1853.pdf)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-940\) \(LD 1853 2012\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-558\) \(LD 1853 2012\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, March 8, 2012 \(H1222-1234\)](#)

- p. H-1222

[SENATE, March 12, 2012 \(S1813-1824\)](#)

- p. S-1813

[HOUSE, April 12, 2012 \(H1500-1520\)](#)

- p. H-1511 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1515)) (Amendment(s) H-940)

[SENATE, April 12, 2012 \(S2211-2242\)](#)

- p. S-2236 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 2241 (2))) (Amendment(s) H-940, S-558 (p 2241))

[HOUSE, April 13, 2012 \(H1521-1536\)](#)

- p. H-1530 (Amendment(s) H-940)

[HOUSE, April 13, 2012 \(H1521-1536\)](#)

- p. H-1531 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-940)

[SENATE, April 13, 2012 \(S2243-2270\)](#)

- p. S-2264 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-940)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2011, c. 653](#)

News Articles

Supporters, opponents square off over mining bill aimed at County (Lynds, Jen) (Bangor Daily News, 3/15/2012, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1203130.pdf)

There's gold in Aroostook County, and bill would ease Maine mining regulations (Miller, Kevin) (Bangor Daily News, 3/21/2012, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1203076.pdf)

No gold rush mentality on mining rules (Bangor Daily News, 3/22/2012, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1203068.pdf)

Aroostook Rep. Martin sponsoring bill for Irving mining while owing \$250,000 to another Irving company (Schalit, Naomi and Christie, John) (Bangor Daily News, 3/22/2012, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1203070.pdf)

Embrace change, embrace mining potential (Vigue, Peter) (Bangor Daily News, 3/30/2012, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1203193.pdf)

County residents, officials support mining bill, others leery (Lynds, Jen) (Bangor Daily News, 3/31/2012, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1203171.pdf)

Mining bill needed for growth, won't roll back environmental laws (O'Dea, John) (Kennebec Journal, 4/2/2012, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/K1204016.pdf)

Mining bill would weaken system that protects Maine's waters (Scott, Matthew) (Kennebec Journal, 4/9/2012, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/K1204024.pdf)

Aroostook County mining bill gets initial approval in House, Senate (Lynds, Jen) (Bangor Daily News, 4/13/2012, p. B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1853/B1204013.pdf)

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