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**128th Legislature (2016-2018)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 820 / SP0265

An Act To Protect Maine's Clean Water and Taxpayers from Mining Pollution. Presented by Senator CARSON of Cumberland. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearing 03/20/17. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 05/18/17. Amended by: CA S-73. Final Disposition: Enacted, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 142. (Veto Overridden 06/07/17).

**Original Bill**

[LD 820 \(128th Legis. 2017\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 820 / PL 2017, c. 142](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf128-LD-0820.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-73\) \(LD 820 2017\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, March 2, 2017 \(H157-180\)](#)

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[SENATE, March 2, 2017 \(S178-199\)](#)

- p. S-191

[SENATE, May 9, 2017 \(S555-580\)](#)

- p. S-566 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p567)) (Amendment(s) S-73)

[SENATE, May 11, 2017 \(S581-610\)](#)

- p. S-602 (Amendment(s) S-73)

[HOUSE, May 16, 2017 \(H486-511\)](#)

- p. H-495 (Amendment(s) S-73)

[HOUSE, May 18, 2017 \(H533-552\)](#)

- p. H-547 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p551)) (Amendment(s) S-73)

[HOUSE, May 23, 2017 \(H553-584\)](#)

- p. H-572 (Amendment(s) S-73)

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- p. S-734 (Amendment(s) S-73)

[HOUSE, June 7, 2017 \(H779-802\)](#)

- p. H-801 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p802)) (Amendment(s) S-73)

[SENATE, June 7, 2017 \(S917-955\)](#)

- p. S-921 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p922))

[HOUSE, June 8, 2017 \(H803-832\)](#)

- p. H-832 (Remarks (in passing))

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2017, c. 142](#)

## Reports and Other Related Documents

[Public Perceptions of Metallic Mineral Mining in Maine : Research Summary Report of Preliminary Results \(2017\)](#)

## News Articles

Maine may finally be updating its mining laws (Anthony Brino) (Bangor Daily News, 3/18/2017, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/BDN 170318D.pdf)

Dozens fight back over Maine's proposed mining rules (Anthony Brino) (Bangor Daily News, 3/21/2017, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/BDN 170321C.pdf)

Maine environmental groups back rewrite of metallic mining rules (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 3/21/2017, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/P1703086.pdf)

Mining is not Maine's future (George Smith) (Kennebec Journal, 4/5/2017, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/KJ 170405B.pdf)

Maine's heritage is its water Metal mining threatens this valuable resource (Samantha Paradis) (Bangor Daily News, 4/24/2017, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/BDN 170424C.pdf)

Open pits, water contamination banned in new protections added to mining bill (Anthony Brino) (Bangor Daily News, 4/25/2017, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/BDN 170425H.pdf)

Legislature adds new mining protections (Anthony Brino) (Star Herald, 4/26/2017, p. 1, 9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/Clip17424.PDF)

Lawmakers back bill to overhaul Maine's mining regulations (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 4/27/2017, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/PPH 170427C.pdf)

Ban on open-pit mining advances in Maine Senate (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/10/2017, p. B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/PPH 170510F.pdf)

Mining battle lost (Ralph Chapman) (Castine Patriot, 5/11/2017, p. 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/Clip17421.PDF)

Learning Disabilities Association of Maine opposes LD 820 (Shelly Mountain) (St. John Valley Times, 5/17/2017, p. 7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/StJohn Valley Times 170517A.pdf)

Responsible mining rules to protect the things that make Maine great (Jim Dill) (Lincoln News, 12:00:00 AM, p. 15) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/Clip17471.PDF)

Mining compromise sailing for passage after Maine House vote (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 5/19/2017, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/BDN 170519E.pdf)

Maine House approves strict mining rules (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/19/2017, p. B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/PPH 170519H.pdf)

Rep Ralph Chapman drops out of Democratic Party (Anne Berleant) (Castine Patriot, 6/1/2017, p. 1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/Clip17392.PDF)

LePage vetoes bills on drugs, mining and senior housing (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/6/2017, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/PPH 170606C.pdf)

Maine lawmakers buck LePage, pass mineral mining rules after years of debate (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 6/8/2017, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/BDN 170608E.pdf)

Lawmakers override LePage veto, adopting mining restrictions (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/8/2017, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD08xx/nc128-LD-0820/PPH 170608B.pdf)

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