

HB1861



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1861

by Rep. John E. Bradley

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 715/2

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 4502

Amends the Surface-Mined Land Conservation and Reclamation Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a statement of policy.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Surface-Mined Land Conservation and
5 Reclamation Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 715/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 4502)

7 Sec. 2. Statement of policy. It is declared to be the ~~the~~
8 policy of this State to provide for conservation and
9 reclamation of lands affected by surface mining in order to
10 restore them to optimum future productive use and to provide
11 for their return to productive use including but not limited
12 to: the planting of forests; the seeding of grasses and legumes
13 for grazing purposes; the planting of crops for harvest; the
14 enhancement of wildlife and aquatic resources; the
15 establishment of recreational, residential and industrial
16 sites; and for the conservation, development, management, and
17 appropriate use of all the natural resources of such areas for
18 compatible multiple purposes, to aid in maintaining or
19 improving the tax base; and protecting the health, safety and
20 general welfare of the people, the natural beauty and aesthetic
21 values, and enhancement of the environment in the affected
22 areas of the State; to prevent erosion, stream pollution,
23 water, air and land pollution and other injurious effects to

1 persons, property, wildlife and natural resources; and to
2 assure that conservation and reclamation plans for all surface
3 mining activity are available for the prior consideration of
4 county governments within whose jurisdiction such lands will be
5 affected by surface mining and to permit participation and
6 authorize cooperation and coordination with the federal
7 government in initial regulatory programs under the federal
8 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Public Law
9 95-87, Title 30, USC Sec. 1201 et seq.

10 The issuance of a permit under this Act to engage in the
11 surface mining of any resources other than fossil fuels is not
12 intended to relieve the permittee from its duty to comply with
13 other applicable state and local law regulating the
14 commencement, location and operation of surface mining
15 facilities.

16 (Source: P.A. 82-114.)