

HB 497 -- Mineral Excavation

Sponsor: St. Onge

This bill specifies that the Land Reclamation Commission will have no authority to regulate the excavation of minerals or fill dirt for the purpose of construction at excavation sites. No public entity, private person, or the contractor or subcontractor to a public entity or a private person will be required to obtain a permit for the purpose of moving minerals or fill dirt within the confines of real property where excavation occurs. Any private person, lessor, public entity, contractor, or subcontractor engaged in land improvement involving the displacement, moving, or removal of minerals and fill dirt may be required to obtain a surface mining permit in accordance with a determination by the commission.