

## HB 628 -- Surface Mining and Gravel Excavation

Sponsor: Loehner

This bill allows a property owner or an operator conducting gravel removal at the request of a property owner to remove and sell excess gravel without a permit if the primary purpose for removal is to manage seasonal gravel accretion on property not used primarily for gravel mining. Gravel removal must be conducted from June 1 through March 14. Property owners and operators must follow the guidelines of the Department of Natural Resources on surface mining and gravel removal.

Property owners are limited to selling 5,000 tons of gravel annually with a 1,500 ton per-site limitation and are required to notify the department before any person or operator conducts gravel removal from his or her property if it is intended to be sold commercially. Notification will include the nature of the activity, the county and stream name in which the site is located, and the property owner's name. Any future commercial gravel mining activities at this site will not require the property owner to renotify the department.

Any person filing a complaint with the department for a violation of the provisions of the bill must identify himself or herself by name and telephone number; specify the date of the violation; and provide photographs, water samples, or other adequate proof of the violation.