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Brief Description: Regulating metals mining and milling operations.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires applicants to submit detailed ownership information.
Requires an environmental impact statement to be prepared for
any proposed new metals mining and milling operation.

Requires identification of potential impacts to fish and
wildlife.

Appoints a metals mining coordinator.

Creates the metals mining account and establishes fees for
inspections of the mining operations.

Establishes requirements for a waste discharge permit.

Requires a good and sufficient performance security.

Requires a waste rock management plan.

Provides for an examination of the economic impact which a
proposed mining operation may have on the increased services from
public facilities and a determination of what mitigation may be
required.

Authorizes civil actions for damages caused by the operation.

Declares a moratorium on mining operations using the heap
leach extraction process.

Establishes special inspection requirements.

Establishes a metals mining advisory group.