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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheldon and Buck)

Brief Title: Revising provisions relating to surface mining permits.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions relating to surface mining permits.

Removes the requirement for mine operating permits issued before July 1, 1993 to be reviewed within five years of that date before being considered reclamation permits.

Allows a permit holder to modify a reclamation plan at any time during the term of the permit if the modified plan meets the protections, mitigations, and reclamation goals established in the 1993 legislation.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to require a permit holder to modify a reclamation plan if the department determines that the previously approved plan has not been modified during the past 10 years or that the permit holder has violated or is not substantially following the previously approved reclamation plan.