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Chapter No.: 143

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: **Reclamation of surface coal mines-turbine blades.**

Subject: Authorizing the disposal of decommissioned wind turbine blades.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The act requires the Environmental Quality Council (through recommendations from the Department of Environmental Quality) to promulgate rules for the use of decommissioned wind turbine blades and towers as backfill in surface coal mining sites as part of the mine's reclamation plan.
- The act requires the rules to set minimum requirements for burial and to require the removal of all mechanical and electrical materials from the wind turbine blades and towers before burial.
- The act requires disposal fees of twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenues the mine operator gains from allowing burial of the blades and towers.
- The act excludes lands and facilities that allow for burial of blades and turbines from the provisions of the Industrial Siting Act.

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