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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0036

Chapter No.: 96

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: **Mine reclamation-disposal of materials.**

Subject: Authorizing the disposal of inert materials in certain reclaimed mine sites.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Environmental Quality Council (through recommendations from the Department of Environmental Quality) to promulgate rules for the use of inert material as backfill for non-coal mining sites as part of an approved reclamation plan.
- The act requires the rules to set minimum depth requirements for burial and to ensure that burial is above any aquifers.
- The act requires disposal fees of ten percent (10%) of the revenues the mine operator gains from allowing burial of inert material.
- The act excludes lands and facilities that allow the burial of inert material under this act from the definition (and regulation as) of a solid waste management facility.

Comments:

- The act has a split effective date. Rulemaking authority for the Environmental Quality Council is effective immediately; the remainder of the act is effective July 1, 2022.

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