

Bill No.: HB0033 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**
LSO No.: 24LSO-0073
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0018
Chapter No.: 23
Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Mining operations-blasting requirements.**
Has Report: No
Subject: Requiring the establishment and implementation of blasting requirements for specified mining operations.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Environmental Quality Council (upon recommendation by the Department of Environmental Quality) to establish rules governing the use of explosives at new and existing noncoal surface mining operations. The act specifies that rules must provide for the standards for the use of explosives, recordkeeping requirements and requirements for the types of explosives and how they are used to prevent injury and damage.
- The act requires mine operators to prepare a blasting plan for submission along with other plans and reports, including mining plans and reclamation plans. Mine operators must comply with the blasting plan that is submitted.
- The act specifies that limited mining operations are subject to the rules governing the use of explosives that are to be promulgated in accordance with this act.
- This act authorizes up to one (1) full-time position for the Department of Environmental Quality to implement this act. The act also appropriates funds for the position for the fiscal biennium.

Comments:

- This act has a split effective date. Authority for rulemaking is effective immediately; the remainder of the act (including the substantive provisions) take effect on July 1, 2024.

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