



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CREATING AN ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE REMEDIATION OF ABANDONED MINES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established an
2 account to be known as the "remediation of abandoned mines account"
3 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General
4 Fund. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Commissioner
5 of Environmental Protection for the purposes of grants to property
6 owners to pay for or reimburse the costs, expenses and other
7 obligations incurred or that will be incurred for the remediation of
8 abandoned mines located on commercial or residential property.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt
10 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
11 general statutes, that set forth the criteria for such grants, the method
12 of application, and the process for approval of such application.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
14 dollars is appropriated to the remediation of abandoned mines
15 account, established pursuant to section 1 of this act, from the General

16 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the grant program
17 established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create an account within the General Fund for the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to pay for the remediation of abandoned mines.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]