General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 5526**

January Session, 2011 *____HB05526ENV__032311___*

AN ACT REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE QUARRYING.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall establish a permitting program for any commercial project proposed on a parcel of property that is located near the center of a municipality and that involves quarrying. Such permitting program shall require any person who seeks to engage in a commercial project that involves such quarrying to submit to the commissioner a statement of the environmental compatibility of such project with the nature of such property and all neighboring properties. Additionally, any such applicant shall submit a statement to the commissioner indicating why such parcel of property is the most suitable parcel for such project. Any person who seeks to engage in a commercial project that involves such quarrying shall obtain a permit from the commissioner prior to commencing any work on such project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*