

# HB2788



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB2788**

by Rep. Jerry Costello, II

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 715/2

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 4502

Amends the Surface-Mined Land Conservation and Reclamation Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a statement of policy.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Surface-Mined Land Conservation and  
5 Reclamation Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 715/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 4502)

7 Sec. 2. Statement of policy. It is declared to be the ~~the~~  
8 policy of this State to provide for conservation and  
9 reclamation of lands affected by surface mining in order to  
10 restore them to optimum future productive use and to provide  
11 for their return to productive use including but not limited  
12 to: the planting of forests; the seeding of grasses and legumes  
13 for grazing purposes; the planting of crops for harvest; the  
14 enhancement of wildlife and aquatic resources; the  
15 establishment of recreational, residential and industrial  
16 sites; and for the conservation, development, management, and  
17 appropriate use of all the natural resources of such areas for  
18 compatible multiple purposes, to aid in maintaining or  
19 improving the tax base; and protecting the health, safety and  
20 general welfare of the people, the natural beauty and aesthetic  
21 values, and enhancement of the environment in the affected  
22 areas of the State; to prevent erosion, stream pollution,  
23 water, air and land pollution and other injurious effects to

1 persons, property, wildlife and natural resources; and to  
2 assure that conservation and reclamation plans for all surface  
3 mining activity are available for the prior consideration of  
4 county governments within whose jurisdiction such lands will be  
5 affected by surface mining and to permit participation and  
6 authorize cooperation and coordination with the federal  
7 government in initial regulatory programs under the federal  
8 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Public Law  
9 95-87, Title 30, USC Sec. 1201 et seq.

10 The issuance of a permit under this Act to engage in the  
11 surface mining of any resources other than fossil fuels is not  
12 intended to relieve the permittee from its duty to comply with  
13 other applicable state and local law regulating the  
14 commencement, location and operation of surface mining  
15 facilities.

16 (Source: P.A. 82-114.)