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An Act To Prohibit the Mining of Massive Sulfide Ore Deposits on State Lands

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §549-A, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:
3 4 5	5-A. Massive sulfide ore deposit. "Massive sulfide ore deposit" means a metal sulfide ore deposit that, as determined by the survey, contains in total 1,000,000 tons or more of metallic minerals.
6	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §549-D is enacted to read:
7	§549-D. Mining of massive sulfide ore deposits prohibited
8 9 10	Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a mining lease may not be issued under this subchapter that authorizes the mining of a massive sulfide ore deposit located on state lands.
11	SUMMARY
12 13 14 15	This bill amends the laws regarding mining on state lands to prohibit the issuance of a mining lease that authorizes the mining of a massive sulfide ore deposit located on state lands. The bill defines a "massive sulfide ore deposit" as a metal sulfide ore deposit that, as determined by the Maine Geological Survey, contains in total 1,000,000 tons or more of metallic minerals.