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# HOUSE BILL No. 1568

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-34-6-15.

**Synopsis:** Abandoned mine reclamation fund. Permits the use of the post-1977 abandoned mine reclamation fund to replace water supplies disrupted or contaminated by coal mining activities.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 21, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-34-6-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 15. (a) As used in this  
3 section, "fund" refers to the post-1977 abandoned mine reclamation  
4 fund established by this section.

5 (b) The post-1977 abandoned mine reclamation fund is established.  
6 The fund consists of bond forfeiture money collected under section 16  
7 of this chapter and the civil penalties described in IC 14-34-16-9. The  
8 fund may be used **as follows:**

9 (1) To effect the restoration of land not otherwise eligible for  
10 federal funding on which there has been surface mining activity  
11 after August 3, 1977.

12 (2) **To replace domestic water supplies disrupted or**  
13 **contaminated by coal mining activities, either on or off the**  
14 **permitted area.**

15 The money held for this purpose may not exceed an amount established  
16 by the department that is sufficient to enable the director to cover the  
17 anticipated cost of restoration.



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- 1           (c) At least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in the fund is
- 2           dedicated as collateral for the bond pool under IC 14-34-8 and may not
- 3           be used for the restoration of land **or replacement of water** described
- 4           in subsection (b).
- 5           (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
- 6           currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 7           manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
- 8           from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 9           (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
- 10          to the state general fund.

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