

HOUSE BILL No. 1345

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

Synopsis: Abandoned mine reclamation fund. Provides that the domestic water supplies that are required to be replaced under the post-1977 abandoned mine reclamation fund include drinking, residential, and agricultural water.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 11, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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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, AS AMENDED BY P.L.63-1999,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section, "fund" refers to the
- 4 post-1977 abandoned mine reclamation fund established by this
- 5 section.
- 6 (b) The post-1977 abandoned mine reclamation fund is established.
- 7 The fund consists of bond forfeiture money collected under section 16
- 8 of this chapter and the civil penalties described in IC 14-34-16-9. The
- 9 fund may be used as follows:
- 10 (1) To effect the restoration of land not otherwise eligible for
- 11 federal funding on which there has been surface mining activity
- 12 after August 3, 1977.
- 13 (2) To replace domestic water supplies, **including water used for**
- 14 **drinking, residential, or agricultural purposes**, disrupted or
- 15 affected by a surface coal mining and reclamation operation,
- 16 including the disposal of coal combustion waste (as defined in
- 17 IC 13-19-3-3), where the surface coal mining and reclamation



1 operation has been completed and is no longer subject to
2 IC 14-34.

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

6 (c) At least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in the fund is
7 dedicated as collateral for the bond pool under IC 14-34-8 and may not
8 be used for the restoration of land or replacement of water described in
9 subsection (b).

10 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
11 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
12 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
13 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

14 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
15 to the state general fund.

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