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Summary Senate Bill 898, P.N. 915

Prime Sponsor: Senator Tomlinson

Overview

- Amends the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act by clarifying that the holder of a Noncoal Surface Mining Permit would not have to obtain subdivision land development approval and quarries would be subject to one set of regulations.
- Further provides that the department may not approve the temporary cessation of an operation for a period exceeding 90 days unless one of the following applies:
 1. The cessation is due to seasonal shutdown or labor strikes.
 2. Litigation precludes active surface mining operations.
 3. There are conditions which were beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the permittee.

Effective Date

- This act shall take immediately.