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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to land reclamation; amending
s. 378.601, F.S.; exempting certain heavy
mineral mining operations from requirements for
development of regional impact review;
requiring certain permits or plan approvals;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 378.601,
Florida Statutes, to read:

378.601 Heavy minerals.--

(5) Any heavy mineral mining operation which annually
mines less than 500 acres and whose proposed consumption of
water is 3 million gallons per day or less shall not be
required to undergo development of regional impact review
pursuant to s. 380.06, provided permits and plan approvals
pursuant to either this section and part IV of chapter 373, or
s. 378.901, are issued.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Exempts from development of regional impact review heavy
mineral mining operations which annually mine less than
500 acres and consume 3 million gallons of water or less
per day, provided the Department of Environmental
Protection has issued permits and plan approvals relating
to surface water management and storage and heavy
minerals reclamation, or has issued a life-of-the-mine
permit.