

By Senator Kirkpatrick

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to land reclamation; amending  
3           s. 378.601, F.S.; exempting specified heavy  
4           mineral mining operations from requirements for  
5           development-of-regional-impact review;  
6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 378.601, Florida  
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12           378.601 Heavy minerals.--

13           (5) Any heavy mineral mining operation which annually  
14 mines less than 500 acres and whose proposed consumption of  
15 water is 3 million gallons per day or less shall not be  
16 required to undergo development of regional impact review  
17 pursuant to s. 380.06, provided permits and plan approvals  
18 pursuant to either this section and part IV of chapter 373, or  
19 s. 378.901, are issued. This subsection applies only in the  
20 following circumstances:

21           (a) Mining is conducted in counties where the operator  
22 has conducted heavy mineral mining activities prior to March  
23 1, 1997; and

24           (b) The operator of the heavy mineral mining operation  
25 has executed a developer agreement pursuant to s. 380.032 or  
26 has received a development order under s. 380.06(15)as of  
27 March 1, 1997. Lands mined pursuant to this section need not  
28 be the subject of the developer agreement or development  
29 order.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Exempts specified heavy mineral mining operations from  
the requirements for development-of-regional-impact  
review.