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Senate

House

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1 Representative Bembry offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 90 and 91, insert:

5 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (19) of section
6 373.414, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 373.414 Additional criteria for activities in surface
8 waters and wetlands.—

9 (19) (a) Financial responsibility for mitigation for
10 wetlands and other surface waters required by a permit issued
11 pursuant to this part for activities associated with the
12 extraction of limestone and phosphate are subject to approval by
13 the department as part of permit application review. Financial
14 responsibility for permitted activities which will occur over a
15 period of 3 years or less of mining operations must be provided
16 to the department prior to the commencement of mining operations
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17 and shall be in an amount equal to 110 percent of the estimated
18 mitigation costs for wetlands and other surface waters affected
19 under the permit. For permitted activities which will occur over
20 a period of more than 3 years of mining operations, the initial
21 financial responsibility demonstration shall be in an amount
22 equal to 110 percent of the estimated mitigation costs for
23 wetlands and other surface waters affected in the first 3 years
24 of operation under the permit; and, for each year thereafter,
25 the financial responsibility demonstration shall be updated,
26 including to provide an amount equal to 110 percent of the
27 estimated mitigation costs for the next year of operations under
28 the permit for which financial responsibility has not already
29 been demonstrated and to release portions of the financial
30 responsibility mechanisms in accordance with applicable rules.

31 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 378.901, Florida
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 378.901 Life-of-the-mine permit.-

34 (2) As an alternative to, and in lieu of, separate
35 applications for permits required by part IV of chapter 373 and
36 part IV of this chapter, any ~~each~~ operator who mines or extracts
37 or proposes to mine or extract heavy minerals, limestone, or
38 fuller's earth clay may apply to the bureau for a life-of-the-
39 mine permit. Nothing in this subsection limits or restricts the
40 authority of a local government to approve, approve with
41 conditions, deny, or impose a permit duration different from the
42 duration of a permit issued pursuant to this section.

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Remove line 6 and insert:
Business Assistance Center; amending s. 373.414, F.S.;
providing that financial responsibility for mitigation for
wetlands and other surface waters required by a permit for
activities associated with the extraction of limestone are
subject to approval by the Department of Environmental
Protection as part of permit application review; amending
s. 378.901, F.S.; authorizing mine operators mining or
extracting or proposing to mine or extract heavy minerals,
limestone, or fuller's earth clay to apply for a life-of-
the-mine permit; clarifying the authority of local
governments to approve, approve with conditions, deny, or
impose certain permit durations; amending s. 403.44, F.S.;