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House of Representatives, January 19, 2017

**An Act To Prohibit the Mining of Massive Sulfide Ore Deposits
under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act**

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §490-MM, sub-§7-A** is enacted to read:

3 **7-A. Massive sulfide ore deposit.** "Massive sulfide ore deposit" means a metal
4 sulfide ore deposit that, as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation
5 and Forestry, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine
6 Geological Survey, contains in total 1,000,000 tons or more of metallic minerals.

7 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §490-OO, sub-§4, ¶K** is enacted to read:

8 K. The metallic mineral ore deposits to be mined by the applicant do not include a
9 massive sulfide ore deposit.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill amends the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to prohibit the Department
12 of Environmental Protection from approving an application for a mining permit if the
13 applicant proposes to mine a metallic mineral ore deposit that contains a massive sulfide
14 ore deposit. The bill defines a "massive sulfide ore deposit" as a metal sulfide ore deposit
15 that, as determined by the Maine Geological Survey, contains in total 1,000,000 tons or
16 more of metallic minerals.