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### An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §490-X, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 297, §8, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 This article applies to any quarry, including reclaimed and unreclaimed areas, if the  
5 quarry is more than one acre in size, the total excavated area including adjacent parcels  
6 under a common owner or operator is more than one acre in size or ~~underground production~~  
7 blasting is proposed.

8 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §490-X, 3rd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 700, §35, is amended  
9 to read:

10 This article does not apply to an excavation or grading preliminary to a construction  
11 project, unless blasting is proposed or unless intended to circumvent this article.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the performance standards for quarries to apply to any quarry where  
14 blasting is proposed.