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House of Representatives, March 30, 2023

An Act to Exclude Pegmatites from the Definition of "Metallic Mineral"

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 SOBOLESKI of Phillips.
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, BRIDGEO of Augusta, CAMPBELL of Orrington,
DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, LANDRY of Farmington,
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRS §490-MM, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 653, §23 and
3 affected by §33, is amended to read:

4 **8. Metallic mineral.** "Metallic mineral" means any ore or material to be excavated
5 from the natural deposits on or in the earth for its metallic mineral content to be used for
6 commercial or industrial purposes. "Metallic mineral" does not include ~~thorium or uranium~~
7 pegmatite metals, minerals or gemstones.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill amends the definition of "metallic mineral" in the Maine Metallic Mineral
10 Mining Act by removing thorium and uranium and adding pegmatite metals, minerals and
11 gemstones to the excluded minerals.