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**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Metallic Mineral" in the Maine
Metallic Mineral Mining Act**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative WOODSOME of Waterboro and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of
Cumberland, Representatives: BOYLE of Gorham, DILL of Old Town, LANDRY of
Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §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~~ mineral containing any metal, including, but not limited
7 to, a mineral containing gold, silver, iron, manganese, copper, lead, zinc, tin, chromium,
8 cobalt, nickel, molybdenum, ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, osmium, iridium, platinum,
9 antimony or bismuth as a valuable constituent. "Metallic mineral" does not include thorium
10 ~~or~~ uranium or any common rock-forming mineral such as quartz, calcite, dolomite,
11 feldspar, pyroxene, amphibole, zeolite, clay or mica.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the definition of "metallic mineral" for purposes of the Maine Metallic
14 Mineral Mining Act.