

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0055

Surface mining operations-exemptions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Greear

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to environmental quality; amending the  
2 criteria for the environmental quality council to modify or  
3 suspend certain requirements for specified small surface  
4 mining operations; exempting access roads from small  
5 surface mine acreage limits; and providing for an effective  
6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-401(j) is amended to read:

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12 **35-11-401. Compliance generally; exceptions.**

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14 (j) The council, upon recommendation from the  
15 advisory board through the administrator and director, may  
16 modify or suspend certain requirements of W.S.  
17 35-11-406(a), (b), (d), (f) and (g) by rules and

1 regulations, for surface mining operations involving not  
2 more than ~~ten thousand (10,000) yards of overburden and~~ ten  
3 (10) acres of affected land in any one (1) year, if the  
4 application requirements insure reclamation in accordance  
5 with the purposes of this act. Roads used to access a  
6 mining operation permitted under this section shall be  
7 excluded from the annual ten (10) acres of affected land  
8 limit, but shall be included in the permit and bonded for  
9 reclamation liability.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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