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

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

Presented by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

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

SUMMARY

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