

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1132  
(Natural Resources Committee)  
(At the request of the North Dakota Geological Survey)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 38-12-01 and subsection 10 of section 38-15-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of subsurface minerals.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 38-12-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. "Subsurface minerals" means ~~and includes~~ all naturally occurring elements, and their compounds, volcanic ash, precious metals, carbonates, and natural mineral salts of boron, bromine, calcium, fluorine, helium, iodine, lithium, magnesium, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, thorium, uranium, and sulfur, and their compounds, but does not include sand and gravel and rocks crushed for sand and gravel.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 10 of section 38-15-02 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10. "Subsurface minerals" means all naturally occurring elements and their compounds, volcanic ash, precious metals, carbonates, and natural mineral salts of boron, bromine, calcium, fluorine, helium, iodine, lithium, magnesium, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, thorium, uranium, and sulfur, and their compounds, occurring more than five hundred feet [152.4 meters] below the surface of the land.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1132.

House Vote:      Yeas    95      Nays    0      Absent    3

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46      Nays    0      Absent    3

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State