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~~superior court jurisdiction; technical correction~~
(now: Good Samaritan mine act; support)

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2008

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN REMEDIATION
OF ABANDONED HARD ROCK MINES ACT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
2 the Senate concurring:

3 Whereas, the United States has more than 140,000 abandoned hardrock
4 mines, and more than 22,000 of these pose environmental hazards that
5 threaten our land, water, fish and wildlife and the communities that
6 depend on them; and

7 Whereas, the mining industry and the conservation community are
8 highly motivated to remedy the environmental challenges created by
9 abandoned mines but are hindered by burdensome red tape and potential and
10 significant liability risks; and

11 Whereas, numerous organizations have expressed a willingness to
12 remediate the damage caused by these long-abandoned mines, but doing so
13 would expose a "Good Samaritan" volunteer to legal liability for all the
14 preexisting pollution from a mine despite having no previous involvement
15 with it; and

16 Whereas, the bipartisan "Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned
17 Hardrock Mines Act" has been introduced in Congress that would allow state
18 agencies, local governments, nonprofit groups and corporations to clean up
19 these abandoned mines, thereby helping to reduce pollution and improve
20 water quality in and around the mining areas; and

21 Whereas, this important legislation creates a path forward for Good
22 Samaritans to work unimpeded and increase the pace and scale of
23 reclamation and, in so doing, create jobs and enhance our nation's
24 environment.

25 Therefore

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
27 the Senate concurring:

28 1. That the Members of the Legislature express their support for
29 the United States Congress to pass the Good Samaritan Remediation of
30 Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act to allow Good Samaritan groups to clean up
31 abandoned mines in this country.

32 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
33 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate,
34 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member
35 of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 23, 2022.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 12, 2022.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 12, 2022.