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state lands; solar score; maps

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HOUSE BILL 2975

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 37, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 37-111; RELATING TO THE STATE LAND DEPARTMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 37, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 37-111, to read:

4 37-111. State land department; prohibition of use of solar
5 scores; resource scoring maps; mining; housing;
6 posting

7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE
8 OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUSPEND THE USE OF SOLAR SCORES OR
9 OTHER SIMILAR SOLAR EVALUATORS. THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT USE SOLAR SCORES
10 OR OTHER SIMILAR SOLAR EVALUATORS IN THE DECISION MAKING OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT.

12 B. EVERY TEN YEARS OR EARLIER AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE
13 COMMISSIONER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE SCORING
14 MAPS:

15 1. A MINING RESOURCE SCORING MAP THAT TAKES KNOWN AND PROVEN
16 RESOURCES INTO CONSIDERATION.

17 2. A HOUSING RESOURCE SCORING MAP THAT TAKES DEVELOPMENT INTO
18 CONSIDERATION.

19 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE AND
20 UPDATE THE RESOURCE SCORING MAPS. DURING THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, THE
21 DEPARTMENT MAY CONSIDER COMMENTS ONLY FROM THE APPLICABLE INDUSTRY WHEN
22 UPDATING THE RESOURCE SCORING MAPS.

23 D. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE RESOURCE SCORING MAPS WHEN
24 CREATING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLANS AND FIVE YEAR
25 DISPOSITION PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-331.03.

26 E. ON THE ADOPTION OF A NEW RESOURCE SCORING MAP, THE COMMISSIONER
27 SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE UPDATED RESOURCE SCORING MAP TO THE GOVERNOR,
28 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE MAPS TO THE SECRETARY OF
30 STATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST EACH MAP ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

31 Sec. 2. State land department; implementation; applicability

32 A. Not later than two years after the effective date of this act,
33 the commissioner of the state land department shall develop, provide
34 copies of and post the maps as required pursuant to section 37-111,
35 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

36 B. This act does not prohibit the state land department from
37 processing any application for the disposition of state lands or for
38 permits for housing or mining before the adoption of a map required by
39 section 1 of this act.