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## **HB 2975**

Introduced by  
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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 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
7 OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUSPEND THE USE OF SOLAR SCORES OR  
8 OTHER SIMILAR SOLAR EVALUATORS.  
9 B. THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT USE SOLAR SCORES OR OTHER SIMILAR SOLAR  
10 EVALUATORS IN THE DECISION MAKING OF THE DEPARTMENT.  
11 C. WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE  
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE SCORING MAPS:  
13 1. A MINING RESOURCE SCORING MAP THAT TAKES KNOWN AND PROVEN  
14 RESOURCES INTO CONSIDERATION.  
15 2. A HOUSING RESOURCE SCORING MAP THAT TAKES DEVELOPMENT INTO  
16 CONSIDERATION.  
17 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE AND  
18 UPDATE THE RESOURCE SCORING MAPS. DURING THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, THE  
19 DEPARTMENT MAY CONSIDER COMMENTS ONLY FROM THE APPLICABLE INDUSTRY WHEN  
20 UPDATING THE RESOURCE SCORING MAPS.  
21 E. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE RESOURCE SCORING MAPS WHEN  
22 CREATING THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLANS AND FIVE YEAR  
23 DISPOSITION PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-331.03.  
24 F. ON THE ADOPTION OF A NEW RESOURCE SCORING MAP, THE COMMISSIONER  
25 SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE UPDATED RESOURCE SCORING MAP TO THE GOVERNOR,  
26 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE MAPS TO THE SECRETARY OF  
28 STATE.