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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 6, 1977

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 227

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Following: "PLAT"
Insert: "AND THE REVIEW OF MINOR SUBDIVISIONS"

2. Amend page 5, section 1, line 2.
Following: "year."
Insert: a new subsection which reads as follows:

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