

Senate Bill 482

In The Senate

February 14, 1981

Introduced and referred  
to Committee on Natural  
Resources.

February 21, 1981

Committee recommend bill  
do not pass.

*Senate* BILL NO. *482*

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2 INTRODUCED BY Stimatz By request of Natural Resource Committee

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
5 DEFINITION OF "GEOLOGY", "GEOLOGIST", "PROFESSIONAL  
6 GEOLOGIST", AND "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST";  
7 PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN REPORTS CONTAINING GEOLOGICAL  
8 MATERIAL MUST BE PREPARED OR APPROVED BY A PROFESSIONAL  
9 GEOLOGIST OR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Definitions. As used in [section 2], the  
13 following definitions apply:

14 (1) "Geology" means that science that deals with the  
15 earth in general, but mainly the investigations of the  
16 earth's crust, its history and processes, its rocks and  
17 other materials of which it is composed, and the applied  
18 science of utilizing knowledge of the earth's history,  
19 processes, constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases, and  
20 other material in the interests of and for the use of  
21 mankind.

22 (2) "Geologist" means a person who is a graduate of a  
23 college, university, or other institution of higher  
24 education that is accredited by a regional or national  
25 accrediting agency, with a minimum of 30 semester or 45

1 quarter hours of course work in geology.

2 (3) "Professional geologist" means a geologist, as  
3 defined in subsection (2), who has an additional 5 years, in  
4 aggregate, of postbaccalaureate geological training or  
5 experience, no more than 2 years of which have been in  
6 postgraduate study.

7 (4) "Certified professional geologist" means a  
8 professional geologist, as defined in subsection (3), who  
9 has met the qualifications of professional conduct necessary  
10 for certification and has been certified by the American  
11 institute of professional geologists and is a current member  
12 in good standing of that institute.

13 Section 2. Reports containing geological information.  
14 Any report required by law or rule and prepared as a result  
15 of or based on geological data or geological interpretation  
16 or that contains information relating to geology, as defined  
17 in [section 1], and is to be presented to or prepared for  
18 the state, any agency, or political subdivision thereof  
19 shall be prepared or approved by a professional geologist or  
20 certified professional geologist, as defined in [section 1].  
21 However, these requirements do not apply to state agency  
22 forms or to any report, map, or document submitted by a  
23 small miner, as defined by 82-4-303(10).

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