

HB 830 INTRODUCED BY KEENAN, ET AL.
EXEMPTS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS FROM THE SMALL MINER
CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISION

2/18 INTRODUCED
2/18 REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES
2/20 HEARING
2/20 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 830
2 INTRODUCED BY Reamon Menahan

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO EXEMPT ENVIRONMENTAL
5 REVIEWS FROM CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SMALL
6 MINERS; AND AMENDING SECTION 82-4-306, MCA."

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

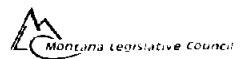
9 Section 1. Section 82-4-306, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "82-4-306. Confidentiality of application information.
11 Any and all information obtained by the board or by the
12 director or his staff by virtue of applications for
13 exploration licenses and all information obtained from small
14 miners is confidential between the board and the applicant,
15 except as to the name of the applicant, and the county of
16 proposed operation, and any environmental reviews that are
17 prepared by the department; provided that all activities
18 conducted subsequent to exploration and other associated
19 facilities shall be public information and conducted under
20 an operating permit. It is further provided that any
21 information obtained by the board or by the director or his
22 staff by virtue of such applications is properly admissible
23 in any hearing conducted by the director, the board, appeals
24 board, or in any judicial proceeding to which the director
25 and the applicant are parties and is not confidential when a

1 violation of the part or rules has been determined by the
2 department or by judicial order. Failure to comply with the
3 secrecy provisions of this part shall be punishable by a
4 fine of up to \$1,000."

5 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any
6 existing authority of the board of land commissioners to
7 make rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is
8 extended to the provisions of this act.

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