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*** Bill No. 5301-30-001

Introduced By *****

By Request of the Department of Environmental Quality

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act generally revising the laws relating to enforcement procedures of the department of environmental quality under the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, the metal mine reclamation laws, and the Opencut Mining Act; providing standard procedures for issuing and appealing administrative orders; providing uniform factors for determining penalties; prohibiting the department from waiving a penalty assessed under the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act if a person or operator fails to abate the violation in accordance with a notice or order; providing for a written release of civil liability after full payment of a penalty under the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act; providing judicial penalties for violations of the metal mine reclamation laws and the Opencut Mining Act; providing that venue for judicial actions under the Opencut Mining Act is proper in the first judicial district when there is mutual agreement of the parties in the action; and amending sections 82-4-