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SYNOPSIS

Concerns use of steel slag as aggregate.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the use of steel slag as an aggregate and
2 supplementing P.L.1987, c.102 (C.13:1E-99.11 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*
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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, or rule or regulation adopted
8 pursuant thereto, to the contrary, beginning 90 days after the
9 effective date of this act, a person may use steel slag as an
10 aggregate in any commercial or industrial development, and a
11 licensed site remediation professional may authorize the use of steel
12 slag as an aggregate in the remediation of a contaminated site,
13 provided such use does not cause the exceedance of any:

14 (1) drinking water quality standard established by the
15 Department of Environmental Protection or the United States
16 Environmental Protection Agency; or

17 (2) groundwater quality standard established by the Department
18 of Environmental Protection.

19 b. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the
20 Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt, pursuant to
21 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
22 et seq.), rules and regulations concerning the use of steel slag as an
23 aggregate as necessary in order to ensure the protection of the
24 public health, safety, and the environment.

25 c. As used in this section:

26 “Aggregate” means a material formed from fragments or
27 particles, which can be utilized in construction or other related
28 industries.

29 “Hazardous waste” means the same as that term is defined in
30 section 3 of P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-51).

31 “Licensed site remediation professional” means the same as that
32 term is defined in section 23 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-1).

33 “Remediation” means the same as that term is defined in section
34 23 of P.L.1993, c.139 (C.58:10B-1).

35 “Steel slag” means the nonmetallic coproduct that results from
36 the production of steel in an electric arc furnace, and that is:

37 (1) not a hazardous waste, as determined by the department;

38 (2) poured from the furnace in a molten state, cooled, and
39 processed to remove free metallic compounds; and

40 (3) sold and distributed in the stream of commerce as an
41 aggregate and managed as an item of value in a controlled manner,
42 and is not discarded.
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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This bill would authorize the use of steel slag as an aggregate in industrial and commercial development and in the remediation of contaminated sites.

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Specifically, the bill would authorize a person to use steel slag as an aggregate in any commercial or industrial development, and it would allow a licensed site remediation professional to authorize the use of steel slag as an aggregate in the remediation of a contaminated site, provided the use of steel slag does not cause the exceedance of any drinking water quality standard or groundwater quality standard established by law. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would be authorized to adopt rules concerning the use of steel slag as an aggregate, as necessary in order to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and the environment.

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