AN ACT

2 RELATING TO MINING; ENACTING THE INTERSTATE MINING COMPACT

3 ACT TO PROVIDE FOR NEW MEXICO'S ENTRY TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE

4 INTERSTATE MINING COMPACT COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Interstate Mining Compact Act".

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP.--

- A. The governor is authorized to participate in the Interstate Mining Compact as a member of the Interstate Mining Compact commission.
- B. The governor may designate the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources or the director of the mining and minerals division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department as the governor's alternate to the Interstate Mining Compact commission.

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS.--

- A. No provisions of the Interstate Mining Compact

 Act or any policies of the Interstate Mining Compact

 commission shall be construed to limit, repeal or supersede

 any law of the state of New Mexico.
- B. The governor and the legislature or their designated agents shall have the right to inspect the books and accounts of the Interstate Mining Compact commission at

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any reasonable time while the state of New Mexico is a member.

C. The secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources shall file with the state records administrator a copy of the bylaws of the Interstate Mining Compact commission and any other compact documents required by Section 14-3-20 NMSA 1978.

SECTION 4. EXPENSES.--The secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources may pay annual membership dues to the Interstate Mining Compact commission out of fees collected under the Surface Mining Act or from funds granted to the state by the federal office of surface mining reclamation and enforcement of the department of the interior.

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