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DIGEST

Ward (SB 209)

Present law provides that the commissioner of conservation shall make, after notice and hearing, any reasonable rules, regulations, and orders that are necessary to control the drilling, operating, and plugging of solution mining injection wells, the permitting of such wells, and the resulting solution mined cavern.

Present law provides that such permits include reimbursement to the state or any political subdivision of the state for reasonable and extraordinary costs incurred responding to or mitigating a disaster caused by a violation of a rule, regulation, or order issued by the commissioner. Requires that such costs are subject to the approval by the director of Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) prior to being submitted to the permittee for reimbursement.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that such payments be made to the state or political subdivision within 180 days of the declaration of a disaster or emergency.

Proposed law requires that permits include reimbursement to any person who owns immovable property located within an area under mandatory or forced evacuation due to a violation of a rule, regulation, or order issued by the commissioner. Requires that such reimbursements will be for the fair market value of the property and made to the property owner within 180 days of the declaration of the mandatory or forced evacuation.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 30:4(M)(6)(b); adds R.S. 30:4(M)(6)(c))