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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 23, 2025]

A BILL

To codify certain provisions of certain Executive Orders relating to domestic mining and hardrock mineral resources, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Critical Mineral Domi-*
5 *nance Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. POLICY.**

7 *It is the policy of the United States to establish the*
8 *position of the United States as the leading producer of*
9 *hardrock minerals, including rare earth minerals, which*
10 *will—*

11 *(1) create jobs and prosperity at home;*

12 *(2) strengthen supply chains for the United*
13 *States and the allies of the United States;*

14 *(3) safeguard the national Security of the United*
15 *States; and*

16 *(4) reduce the global influence of malign and ad-*
17 *versarial states.*

18 **SEC. 3. ANALYZING ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF MINERAL NET**

19 **IMPORT RELIANCE.**

20 *(a) COST OF NET IMPORT RELIANCE.—Not later than*
21 *90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*
22 *retary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources*
23 *of the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-*
24 *ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate—*

1 (1) *for each mineral commodity included in the*
 2 *document published by the United States Geological*
 3 *Survey titled “Mineral Commodity Summaries 2025”*
 4 *(Version 1.2; March 2025) for which the United*
 5 *States is reliant on imports, the dollar value associ-*
 6 *ated with such reliance; and*

7 (2) *the overall impact on the economy of the*
 8 *United States of imports and exports of mineral com-*
 9 *modities listed in the document published by the*
 10 *United States Geological Survey titled “Mineral Com-*
 11 *modity Summaries 2025” (Version 1.2; March 2025)*
 12 *for which the United States is reliant on imports.*

13 (b) *SUBSEQUENT INCLUSION.—Beginning in 2026, the*
 14 *Secretary, acting through the Director of the United States*
 15 *Geological Survey, shall include in each Mineral Com-*
 16 *modity Summaries published by the United States Geologi-*
 17 *cal Survey the information described in paragraphs (1) and*
 18 *(2) of subsection (a).*

19 **SEC. 4. PRIORITY PROJECTS.**

20 (a) *PROJECT IDENTIFICATION.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after*
 22 *the date of the enactment of this Act and annually*
 23 *thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-*
 24 *retary of Agriculture, shall submit to the Committee*
 25 *on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives*

1 *and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*
2 *of the Senate a list of each mining project on Federal*
3 *land for which a plan of operations, a permit appli-*
4 *cation, or other application for approval has been*
5 *submitted to the Department of the Interior.*

6 (2) *APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.—Not later*
7 *than 10 days after the date on which the Secretary*
8 *submits the list required under paragraph (1), the*
9 *Secretary shall, in consultation with the Secretary of*
10 *Agriculture, with respect to each mining project in-*
11 *cluded on the list—*

12 (A) *identify each priority mining project*
13 *for which the Secretary can immediately approve*
14 *or issue each plan of operations, permit applica-*
15 *tion, and other application for approval sub-*
16 *mitted to the Department of the Interior; and*

17 (B) *take all necessary and appropriate ac-*
18 *tions to expedite and approve or issue each such*
19 *plan of operations, permit application, and other*
20 *application for approval.*

21 (b) *IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL HARDROCK MIN-*
22 *ERAL AND BYPRODUCT PRODUCTION.—Not later than 10*
23 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*
24 *retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,*
25 *shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the*

1 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and*
 2 *Natural Resources of the Senate a list of each mining*
 3 *project on Federal land, whether active, inactive, or pro-*
 4 *posed, that has the potential to—*

5 (1) *increase production of hardrock minerals or*
 6 *the byproducts of hardrock minerals;*

7 (2) *expand operations to include the byproducts*
 8 *of hardrock minerals;*

9 (3) *produce hardrock minerals from mine*
 10 *tailings; or*

11 (4) *produce hardrock minerals from coal ash and*
 12 *other coal byproducts.*

13 (c) *REPORT ON BARRIERS TO BYPRODUCT PRODUC-*
 14 *TION.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment*
 15 *of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Com-*
 16 *mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives*
 17 *and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of*
 18 *the Senate on the barriers to byproduct production from*
 19 *mining projects on Federal land, including recommenda-*
 20 *tions to Congress on how to reduce those barriers.*

21 **SEC. 5. MINING POTENTIAL ON FEDERAL LAND.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall identify all*
 23 *Federal land managed by the Secretary or the Secretary*
 24 *of Agriculture, which may be leased for the exploration, de-*
 25 *velopment, or production of hardrock minerals or is open*

1 to location under the Act of May 10, 1872 (commonly
2 known as the Mining Law of 1872), where—

3 (1) hardrock mineral exploration is being con-
4 ducted;

5 (2) the Secretary, in consultation with the
6 United States Geological Survey, determines hardrock
7 minerals may be present but where thorough explo-
8 ration has not been conducted; or

9 (3) known economically recoverable hardrock
10 minerals are present.

11 (b) *PRIORITY*.—In identifying Federal land under sub-
12 section (a), the Secretary shall prioritize identifying Fed-
13 eral land on which the exploration, construction, or oper-
14 ation of a mining project—

15 (1) can most quickly be fully permitted and
16 operational; and

17 (2) would have the greatest potential effect on the
18 robustness of the domestic mineral supply chain.

19 (c) *SUBMISSION OF LIST*.—The Secretary shall annu-
20 ally submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
21 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and
22 Natural Resources of the Senate a list of all Federal land
23 identified under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 6. REGULATORY REVIEW.**

2 (a) *IDENTIFYING BURDENSOME FEDERAL REGULA-*
3 *TIONS.*—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
4 *ment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the*
5 *Secretary of Agriculture, shall—*

6 (1) *review all existing regulations, orders, guid-*
7 *ance documents, policies, settlements, consent orders,*
8 *public land withdrawals, and any other agency ac-*
9 *tions within the jurisdiction of the Secretary (in this*
10 *section referred to collectively as “agency action”) to*
11 *identify each agency action that imposes an undue*
12 *burden on the exploration, identification, develop-*
13 *ment, or operation of domestic mining projects;*

14 (2) *solicit industry feedback on regulatory bottle-*
15 *necks and recommended strategies to expedite ap-*
16 *proval of mining projects on Federal land; and*

17 (3) *begin implementing an action plan—*

18 (A) *to implement industry feedback received*
19 *pursuant to paragraph (2); and*

20 (B) *suspend, revise, or rescind, as applica-*
21 *ble, each agency action identified as unduly bur-*
22 *densome under paragraph (1) as expeditiously as*
23 *possible.*

24 (b) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date
25 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation*

1 *with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to Congress*
2 *a report including—*

3 *(1) recommendations for changes to law in effect*
4 *as of the date of the enactment of this Act necessary*
5 *to accomplish the policy described in section 2; and*

6 *(2) a nationwide review of State and local stat-*
7 *utes, regulations, and ordinances the Secretary deter-*
8 *mines impede development of domestic mining and*
9 *mineral exploration projects.*

10 **SEC. 7. MAP BABY MAP.**

11 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prioritize ef-*
12 *forts to accelerate the ongoing, detailed geologic mapping*
13 *of the United States, with a focus on mapping previously*
14 *unknown deposits of hardrock minerals.*

15 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of*
16 *the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the*
17 *Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Represent-*
18 *atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*
19 *of the Senate a report regarding the progress and estimated*
20 *completion date of the comprehensive national modern sur-*
21 *face and subsurface mapping and data integration effort*
22 *of the Department of the Interior described in section 40201*
23 *of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C.*
24 *311).*

1 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *In this Act:*

3 (1) *FEDERAL LAND.*—*The term “Federal land”*
4 *means—*

5 (A) *National Forest System land;*

6 (B) *public lands; and*

7 (C) *any land that may be leased for the ex-*
8 *ploration, development, or production of*
9 *hardrock minerals.*

10 (2) *HARDROCK MINERAL.*—*The term “hardrock*
11 *mineral”—*

12 (A) *includes deposits of—*

13 (i) *minerals found in sedimentary or*
14 *other rocks;*

15 (ii) *base metals;*

16 (iii) *precious metals;*

17 (iv) *industrial minerals; and*

18 (v) *precious and semi-precious*
19 *gemstones; and*

20 (B) *does not include deposits of—*

21 (i) *coal;*

22 (ii) *oil;*

23 (iii) *oil shale;*

24 (iv) *gas;*

25 (v) *sodium;*

26 (vi) *potassium;*

1 (vii) sulfur; or

2 (viii) mineral materials subject to dis-
3 position under the Act of July 31, 1947,
4 commonly known as the Materials Act of
5 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

6 (3) *MINING PROJECT*.—The term “mining
7 project” means a project that involves the exploration
8 for or development, extraction, or processing of a
9 hardrock mineral.

10 (4) *PUBLIC LANDS*.—The term “public lands”
11 has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the
12 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
13 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

14 (5) *SECRETARY*.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

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