

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2765 (HF 2595/HSB 731)	House Committee:	PASSED February 19 (20-0)
Committee:	Local Government/Ways & Means	House Ways:	PASSED April 8 (24-1)
Floor Manager:	Representative Boden	House Floor:	
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Local Mining Regulation

- Defines “subsidence” in code to mean any collapse, settling, or sinking of land that is caused by mining activity.
- Requires that the operator of a mine site to notify the division within 48 hours of discovering a subsidence and consult with the division a plan to address the subsidence, including timelines of repair and written approval by a licensed engineer of the plan and the completion of the repair.
- Clarifies in code that the total amount of bonds, whether it’s a single bond or multiple bonds, of a mine site is used to apply covering the costs of reclamation of the land.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Definitions (Iowa Code 208.2)

Conforming code change to reflect section 2 of this bill.

Section 2 - Definitions (Iowa Code 208.2(14A))

NEW SUBSECTION - Defines “subsidence” in code to mean any collapse, settling, or sinking of land that is caused by mining activity.

Section 3 - Subsidence (Iowa Code 208.9A)

NEW SECTION - Requires that the operator of a mine site to notify the division within 48 hours of discovering a subsidence and consult with the division a plan to address the subsidence, including timelines of repair and written approval by a licensed engineer of the plan and the completion of the repair.

Section 4 - Use of multiple or single bonds (Iowa Code 208.24A)

NEW SECTION - Clarifies in code that the total amount of bonds, whether it’s a single bond or multiple bonds, of a mine site is used to apply covering the costs of reclamation of the land.