

Public Law 101-498
101st Congress

An Act

To amend the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute Act of 1984, and for other purposes.

Nov. 2, 1990
[H.R. 4111]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Strategic and Critical Minerals Act of 1990".

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Minerals Act of
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resources.
30 USC 1201
note.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERIC CENTER.

The Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute Act of 1984 (30 U.S.C. 1221 and following) is amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

"SEC. 12. STRATEGIC RESOURCES GENERIC MINERAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER.

30 USC 1230a.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Interior is authorized and directed to establish a Strategic Resources Mineral Technology Center (hereinafter referred to as the 'center') for the purpose of improving existing, and developing new, technologies that will decrease the dependence of the United States on supplies of strategic and critical minerals.

"(b) FUNCTIONS.—The center shall—

"(1) provide for studies and technology development in the areas of mineral extraction and refining processes, product substitution and conservation of mineral resources through recycling and advanced processing and fabrication methods;

"(2) identify new deposits of strategic and critical mineral resources; and

"(3) facilitate the transfer of information, studies, and technologies developed by the center to the private sector.

"(c) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish the center referred to in subsection (a) at a university that—

"(1) does not currently host a generic mineral technology center;

"(2) has established advanced degree programs in geology and geological engineering, and metallurgical and mining engineering;

"(3) has expertise in materials and advanced processing research; and

"(4) is located west of the 100th meridian.

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“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.”.

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