

**HB**

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### **CSHB 17(RES)**

**"An Act establishing the Department of Natural Resources as the platting authority in certain areas of the state; relating to subdivisions and dedications; and providing for an effective date."**

## **Sponsor Statement for HB 17 Rep. Jeannette James**

### **DNR APPROVAL OF PLATS 4/20/98**

Two years ago this was HB 80, the Bill died in the rush of adjournment. HB 17 is a good bill that has been in the process for many Legislative sessions. I believe the work over the last several years has molded the bill into one that has no opposition and is supported by the DNR, surveyors and all impacted classes of people.

Essentially HB 17 brings all of the unorganized Boroughs under the purview of DNR as pertains to platting of real estate. For example there is currently no control over anyone creating landlocked subdivisions with no possible access in the unorganized Boroughs.

The bill also cleans up some definition problems by defining the word "subdivision" so all agencies use the same terminology.

Please contact Walt Wilcox or me if you have any questions or concerns.