STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1873: Brannon

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mines and mining; requiring the Department of Mines to promulgate certain rules; making dimension stone quarry operations subject to certain requirements; defining term; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10 of Title 45, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Mines shall promulgate rules for dimension stone quarry operations. Unless otherwise specified by this section, dimension stone quarry operations shall comply with all applicable mining law in Title 45 of the Oklahoma Statutes and rules promulgated thereto. The Department shall require all permittees to maintain statistical records for dimension stone quarry operations as provided for in Section 765 of Title 45 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. 1. Except for paragraph 17 of subsection B of Section 910 of Title 45 of the Oklahoma Statutes, dimension stone quarry operations shall comply with safety procedures provided for by law. Fire extinguishers shall be tested according to the manufacturers specifications.

2. Except for paragraph 2 of Section 917 of Title 45 of the Oklahoma Statutes, dimension stone quarry operations shall comply with personal protection procedures provided by law. All persons

shall wear suitable hard hats when in or around mine plants or active workings of the mine where falling objects may create a hazard.

C. As used in this section, “dimension stone quarry” means a site where natural stone used as building material is excavated and the stones are selected, trimmed, or cut to specified shapes or sizes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

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