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DIVISION 20. MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY PROVISIONS [24000 - 27007] (*Division 20 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.)*

CHAPTER 6.82. California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004 [25395.60 - 25395.109] (*Chapter 6.82 added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 705, Sec. 1.)*

ARTICLE 1. Legislative Findings and Intent [25395.60 - 25395.62] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 705, Sec. 1.)*

25395.60. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) There are thousands of properties in the state where redevelopment has been hindered due to real or perceived hazardous materials contamination. Cleaning up these sites and returning them to productive use will benefit the communities in which they are located and the state as a whole.
- (b) Contamination of property in the state has hampered redevelopment, which in turn has limited job creation, economic revitalization, and the full and productive use of the land.
- (c) Private developers, local governments, and schools are reluctant to acquire or redevelop these properties due, at least in part, to concerns regarding liability associated with historic contamination. Instead, they focus new development on clean areas that present fewer complications and lower risk of liability.
- (d) This has resulted in a multitude of problems, including urban sprawl, decaying inner-city neighborhoods and schools, public health and environmental risks stemming from contaminated properties, lack of development at former manufacturing sites and rural areas in need of economic investment, and reduced tax bases.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 705, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2005. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 25395.109, with continuing effect as provided in Section 25395.110.)

25395.61. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this chapter, to do all of the following:

- (a) Establish the cleanup and reuse of these sites in a manner protective of public health and safety and the environment as a priority of the state.
- (b) Relieve innocent owners, bona fide prospective purchasers, and owners of property adjacent to contaminated sites of liabilities and responsibilities that should be borne by those who caused or contributed to the contamination.
- (c) Encourage process efficiencies that continue to ensure that cleanups are protective of public health and safety and the environment.
- (d) Encourage the development and redevelopment of unused or underused properties in urban areas.
- (e) Establish a voluntary process for bona fide purchasers, innocent landowners, and contiguous property owners to make certain the extent of their liability, if any, under state law for hazardous materials contamination caused by other persons, without otherwise altering existing state law regarding liability for hazardous materials releases.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 705, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2005. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 25395.109, with continuing effect as provided in Section 25395.110.)

25395.62. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the "California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act of 2004."

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