

in the membership of either house of the General Assembly, the presiding officer thereof shall notify the State Comptroller of such vacancy as soon as he is informed thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved February 16, 1959.

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CHAPTER 19

(Senate Bill 32)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 670 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1958 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Mining", sub-heading "Strip Mining", changing an incorrect cross-reference in the law concerning the forfeiture of bonds or deposits in the so-called "Strip Mining Law".

WHEREAS, In the original enactment of what is now Section 670 of Article 66C of the Code, this having been in Chapter 635 of the Acts of 1955, there is an incorrect cross-reference to Section 648N of the original bill; and

WHEREAS, This cross-reference should have been to Section 648M in the original bill; and

WHEREAS, This error is automatically reflected in the Code and should be corrected; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 670 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1958 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Mining", sub-heading "Strip Mining", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

670. Forfeiture of bond or deposit.

If the operator fails or refuses to comply with the requirements of the sub-title in any respect for which liability has been charged on the bond, the Director shall declare such portion of the bond forfeited, and shall certify the same to the Attorney General, who shall proceed to sue out and collect the amount of liability forfeited thereon, and where the operator had deposited cash or securities in lieu of bond, the Director shall declare such portion of said deposit forfeited, and shall direct the State Treasurer to pay said funds into the Bituminous Coal Open Pit Mining Reclamation Fund, or to proceed to sell said securities to the extent forfeited and pay the proceeds thereof into the Bituminous Coal Open Pit Mining Reclamation Fund. Any operator aggrieved by reason of forfeiting the bond or selling securities, as herein provided, shall have a right to

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.