

Peace and Trial Magistrates of the State and by all other public officials of the State and of any political subdivision thereof to be evidence of the Public Local Laws of Talbot County in existence at the time of compilation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Board of County Commissioners of Talbot County be and it is hereby authorized and directed to make an appropriation to provide for the publication of said Code; and it further is authorized to provide for the sale and distribution of said Code.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1960.

Approved April 28, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 653

(House Bill 538)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 659, 661, 663, 665, 672 and 673 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), and to repeal Sections 664, 666, 667, 668, AND 669 and 672 of the same Article, title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Strip Mining", relating generally to the conservation and improvement of areas of land affected in the mining of bituminous coal by the open pit or stripping method.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 659, 661, 663, 665, 672 and 673 of Article 66C, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Strip Mining", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

659. Before any operator shall hereafter engage in open pit mining of bituminous coal within the State, he shall register with the Bureau of Mines of this State by filing a certificate on a form to be provided by the Bureau, and giving information sufficient to identify the operator [ ], and an estimate of the number of acres of land that the operator will affect by open pit mining during one year immediately following the date of filing] *and the area his operations will affect*. Contemporaneously with and as a part of said registration, the operator shall file with the Bureau of Mines a bond on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the Bureau, payable to the State and conditioned that the operator shall faithfully perform all of the requirements of this sub-heading. The bond shall be in the amount of [one hundred dollars (\$100.00)] *three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* per acre [based upon the number of acres of coal which the operator estimates will be stripped by open pit mining,] ~~not to exceed four~~

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.