

(C) VIOLATIONS OF ANY STANDARDS OR RULES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE ANY VIOLATION WHICH WAS CAUSED BY AN ACT OF GOD, STRIKE, RIOT, CATASTROPHE, OR ANY CONDITION OVER WHICH THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR HAS NO CONTROL.

704. SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADDITIONAL POWERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE REGARDED AS SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADDITIONAL TO THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY OTHER LAWS UPON THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS IN DEROGATION OF ANY POWERS NOW EXISTING IN THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 144

(House Bill 51)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 657 through 674, inclusive, of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Mining," subheading, "Strip Mining," and to enact new Sections 657 through 674 inclusive, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed, generally to revise the laws of the State relating to the open pit or so-called strip mining or auger method of mining coal, to create a Land Reclamation Advisory Committee, to license and regulate persons engaged in open pit or so-called strip mining or auger mining of coal in the State, and to require bonds to be posted to assure compliance with the open pit or strip mining laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 657 through 674, inclusive of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), "Natural Resources," subtitle "Mining," subheading, "Strip Min-