

*determined by the Director of the Bureau of Mines to be physically impossible, and funds received from special reclamation fees established by Section ~~665~~ 662(C), or from any other source, may be used by him for the foresting or reclaiming of other lands affected by open pit mining of bituminous coal.*

*(b) If one operator succeeds another at any uncompleted operation, either by sale, assignment, lease, or otherwise, the Director of the Bureau of Mines may release the first operator from all liability under this subheading as to that particular operation; if both operators have registered and have otherwise complied with the requirements of this subheading and the successor operator assumes as part of his obligation under this subheading all liability for backfilling, grading, planting, and reclamation on the land affected by the former operator.*

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*If prior to June 1, 1967, an operator has permanently ceased the removal of coal by open pit mining at all mining operations within this State and bonds have been posted for any such operations, but the backfilling and planting of lands affected by the operations have not been completed and the bonds have not been released, the lands shall be backfilled and planted and bonds released in accordance with the requirements of Sections 657 through 674, inclusive, of this article as they existed immediately prior to June 1, 1967.*

SEC. 2. *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, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.*

SEC. 3. *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That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.*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. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 14, 1967.

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## CHAPTER 145

(Senate Bill 33)

AN ACT creating the Greater Baltimore Consolidated Wholesale Food Market Authority as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland; providing for the appointment of the members of the authority; authorizing the authority to establish, construct, erect, acquire, repair, remodel, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and maintain a consolidated wholesale food market within the Greater Baltimore Region, including parking and other ancillary