

mediately prior to June 1, 1967. All pits mined between June 1, 1967, and July 1, 1969, under then valid permits, and for which legally sufficient backfilling bonds had then been posted, shall be backfilled in accordance with the requirements of Sections 657 to 674, inclusive, of this Article as said sections existed immediately prior to July 1, 1969.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That operators holding strip mining permits as of the effective date of this Act shall submit a Mining and Reclamation Plan to the Bureau of Mines within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Act pertaining to that portion of the operation not yet affected. ~~If the Land Reclamation Committee fails to approve of any such plan the Director shall suspend the permit in question until such time as the Land Reclamation Committee does approve of a plan for the operation involved. Failure of the Committee to act upon the Mining and Reclamation plan within sixty (60) days after its submission shall constitute approval of said plan.~~ THE LAND RECLAMATION COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 662(B-1) OF THIS SUBHEADING. After plans have been approved operators shall submit annual and final mining and reclamation reports to the Bureau of Mines in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances 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 provisions 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 July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

CHAPTER 415
(House Bill 1298)

AN ACT to add new Sections 411V through 411AD to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Patuxent River Watershed," to follow immediately after Section 411U thereof and to be under the new subheading "Sediment and Waste Control" to provide for the control of pollution of the Patuxent River as caused by sewage: by establishing standards for sewage outflow from all treatment plants within the Watershed; by requiring such plants to submit plans for meeting such standards; by prohibiting the dumping of waste into the river; by requiring approved sedimentation control and sewage disposal plans as a prerequisite to the issuance of any building permit within the Watershed for any structure other than agricultural or large lot single-family dwellings; by requiring approved sedimentation and sewage disposal plans as a pre-