

of the Senate appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate one member of the Council to serve as its Chairman, and the Administrator of the ~~Volunteers in Action Program~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS shall be Executive Secretary to the Advisory Council.

(b) The Advisory Council shall identify areas appropriate for ~~volunteer~~ MARYLAND SERVICE CORPS participation and shall investigate and recommend methods of extending and improving the ~~Program~~ CORPS.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 355

(Senate Bill 261)

AN ACT to add new Section 662 (a-1) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Mining," sub-heading "Strip Mining," to follow immediately after Section 662 (a) thereof to ban strip mining on land owned by the State IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 662 (a-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Mining," sub-heading "Strip Mining," to follow immediately after Section 662 (a) thereof and to read as follows:*

662.

(a-1) (1) The Bureau of Mines shall not issue, extend or renew any permit to mine coal by the open-pit or strip method on any land owned by the State of Maryland whether the ownership includes the mineral rights incident to the land or not, , EXCEPT IF THE FAILURE OF THE BUREAU TO ISSUE, EXTEND OR RENEW A PERMIT WILL INVOLVE THE TAKING OF A PROPERTY RIGHT WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PAY SUCH COMPENSATION. FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER PROGRAM OPEN SPACE MAY BE USED BY THE STATE TO PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE PAY FOR SUCH PROPERTY RIGHTS.

(2) Any person who mines coal by the open-pit or strip method without a permit issued by the Bureau of Mines shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$1000 nor more