

APPROXIMATE COLOR. THE ADMINISTRATOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE REGULATIONS FOR A PHASE-IN OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 679

(Senate Bill 390)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 489, 506, 532, 556(a), 558(f), 560(b), 561(c), 562 and 563 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Mining," subheading "In General," to change the references to persons of a particular sex in certain sections concerning the Bureau of Mines and the functions and duties of personnel working in mines.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 489, 506, 532, 556(a), 558(f), 560(b), 561(c), 562 and 563 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Mining," subheading "In General," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

489.

The Director of the Bureau of Mines shall be a male citizen of Maryland, and shall be a competent person, having had at least ten years' practical experience in the working, ventilation and drainage of bituminous coal mines, and having a practical and scientific knowledge of all noxious and dangerous gases found in such mines, and, provided, that graduation in mining engineering from a school of recognized standing shall be considered as equivalent to two years' working experience. [He] THE DIRECTOR shall devote [all of his] FULL time to the duties of [his] THE office, and shall not be directly or indirectly interested in a financial way in any coal mines in this State.

506.

Upon the recommendation of the Director, concurred in by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Governor shall appoint two persons, one a miner and the other an operator, who with the Director shall constitute an Examining Board, of which the Director shall be chairman, ex officio. Each of such persons shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Maryland, not less than thirty years of age, shall have had not less than five years' practical experience in the coal mining industry immediately preceding [his] THE appointment, and shall be a [man] PERSON of integrity, known intelligence and knowledge of [his] his OR HER occupation. Such members shall remain in office until upon like recommendation their successors or any of them are appointed and qualified. Before entering upon their duties each of the members of such Examining Board shall take and subscribe the oath provided by the Constitution. Such Examining Board shall be provided such office room, meeting space, equipment, stenographic and other assistance, supplies and facilities as may be approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources. Stenographic help and other employees of the Board shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the State Commissioner of Personnel. Each of such associate members shall be paid for each day of services rendered as