

UNTIL THE OWNER OR OPERATOR MAKES THE NECESSARY CORRECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language taken from the last two sentences of Article 66C, section 486(1) of the Code. This subsection is placed under the duties of the director of the bureau because its language imposes an affirmative duty to investigate the conditions in the mines.

(H) COLLECT INFORMATION ON MINERAL PRODUCTION.—NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 89, § 2 OF THE CODE, THE BUREAU SHALL COLLECT INFORMATION IN REGARD TO MINERAL PRODUCTION AND MINE OUTPUT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from the final sentence of Article 66C, section 492 of the Code (proposed section 7-203 (a)).

7-204. MARYLAND COMMISSION ON MINING LAWS.

(A) CREATION AND CONTINUATION; COMPOSITION; TENURE AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON MINING LAWS IS CREATED AND CONTINUED. IT CONSISTS OF THREE PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY. ONE OF THE THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINE OPERATORS, ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINE EMPLOYEES, AND AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OWN POLITICAL PARTY. THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS MADE IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES. THE COMMISSIONERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.

(B) FUNCTION OF COMMISSION.—THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE MINING LAWS OF THE STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, AND GENERALLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF MINERS IN THE STATE CONSISTENT WITH PRODUCING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COAL FROM THE MINES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears