

ESTABLISHED BY §7-505(D), OR FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, IN ORDER TO FOREST OR RECLAIM ANY OTHER LAND AFFECTED BY OPEN-PIT MINING OF BITUMINOUS COAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 673(a) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(B) OPERATOR SUCCEEDING ANOTHER AT UNCOMPLETED OPERATION.—IF ONE OPERATOR SUCCEEDS ANOTHER AT ANY UNCOMPLETED OPERATION, EITHER BY SALE, ASSIGNMENT, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU MAY RELEASE THE FIRST OPERATOR FROM ALL LIABILITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS TO THAT PARTICULAR OPERATION IF BOTH OPERATORS HAVE REGISTERED AND OTHERWISE COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND THE SUCCESSOR OPERATOR ASSUMES AS PART OF THIS OBLIGATION ALL LIABILITY FOR BACKFILLING, GRADING, PLANTING, AND RECLAMATION ON THE LAND AFFECTED BY THE FORMER OPERATOR.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 673(b) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

7-515. APPLICATION OF PRIOR LAW.

EACH PIT MINED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1967, UNDER A THEN VALID PERMIT, AND FOR WHICH A LEGALLY SUFFICIENT BACKFILLING BOND WAS THEN POSTED, SHALL BE BACKFILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW IN EFFECT ON MAY 31, 1967. EACH PIT MINED BETWEEN JUNE 1, 1967, AND JULY 1, 1969, UNDER A THEN VALID PERMIT AND FOR WHICH A LEGALLY SUFFICIENT BACKFILLING BOND HAD THEN BEEN POSTED, SHALL BE BACKFILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW IN EFFECT ON JUNE 30, 1969.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 674 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

7-516. PENALTIES UNDER SUBTITLE.

(A) PENALTY FOR OPEN-PIT MINING WITHOUT LICENSE.—ANY PERSON WHO MINES COAL BY THE OPEN-PIT MINING METHOD AS AN OPERATOR WITHOUT HAVING APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED A LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR. ON CONVICTION, HE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$5,000 AND NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000, OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING