

(a) The committee shall establish a revegetation bond for each open-pit mining operation at the time of approval of the mining and reclamation plan. The amount of the bond shall be based on the estimated revegetation cost for the area affected by the operation. The bond shall be cash or negotiable securities, or a surety or performance bond and may not be less than \$50 [nor more than \$125 per acre] PER ACRE. The bond shall be deposited by the operator with the bureau. On receipt of any deposit, the director immediately shall place it with the State Treasurer, who shall hold the deposit in the name of the state, in trust, for the purpose for which the deposit is made. When the committee approves the mining and reclamation final report[;], including the planting report the State Forester files under the provisions of § 7-511, the director of the bureau shall release the bond in accordance with the provisions set forth in this subtitle. A certificate of deposit is acceptable instead of a corporate surety if the certificate of deposit is in an amount equivalent to the required bond, issued by a bank in the state, and accompanied by the written agreement of the bank to pay on demand to the state in the event of forfeiture.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

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CHAPTER 691

(Senate Bill 1070)

AN ACT concerning

Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article -  
Technical Corrections

FOR the purpose of making technical corrections in the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article and other Acts included in Chapter 2 of the 1st Special Session of 1973 so that these conform to the Code Revision Commission's style guidelines, repealing Acts inadvertently not repealed by Chapter 2 of the 1st Special Session of 1973, bringing these Acts into conformity with the Maryland Rules, repealing unnecessary Acts, making clarifications and corrections in the law of Juvenile Causes on the recommendation of the Juvenile Services