MARYLAND, That Section 7-505(i) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-505.

- (i) (1) If the requirements of this subtitle are met and no claim is outstanding under this subtitle against the operator, or any officer or director of a corporation, a permit shall be issued. Any additional permit is subject to each requirement for the original permit.
- (2) HOWEVER, THE BUREAU MAY NOT ISSUE A STRIP MINING PERMIT ON SLOPES OF 20 DEGREES OR MORE FROM THE HORIZONTAL. SLOPE MEASUREMENTS SHALL BE MADE EVERY 200 FEET ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE ORIGINAL PREMINING NATURAL SLOPE BEGINNING WITH THE PROPOSED INITIAL POINT OF MINING AND INCLUDING THE PROPOSED TERMINAL POINT OF MINING. IF ANY 200 FOOT SECTION HAS A SLOPE OF 20 DEGREES OR MORE A STRIP MINING PERMIT MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR THAT 200 FOOT SECTION , EXCEPT THAT A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED IN THE CASE OF A PREVIOUSLY ORPHANED MINING OPERATION, ON SLOPES MORE THAN 20 DEGREES FROM THE HORIZONTAL, WHEN IN THE OPINION OF THE LAND RECLAMATION, COMMITTE THE LAND COULD BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONTOUR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved April 22, 1975.

CHAPTER 387

(Senate Bill 1052)

AN ACT concerning

Health Services Cost Review Commission - Changes or Amendments of Rate Schedules

FOR the purpose of amending certain procedures relating to a change or amendment of certain rate schedules or other charges which are subject to approval of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and clarifying language.