

(Senate Bill 1065)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Surface Mining

FOR the purpose of providing for a waiver of certain provisions relating to a surface mining permit; clarifying language; defining a certain term; and clarifying certain exemptions and redesignating definitions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 7-6A01 [[and]], 7-6A07 (d), and 7-6A31 (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 7-6A01 [[and]], 7-6A07 (d), and 7-6A31 (b) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-6A01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Active operation" means one from which a minimum of 500 tons per acre of pits being mined, excluding coal, has been extracted for commercial purposes in the preceding year.

(c) "Affected land" means the land from which the mineral is removed by surface mining, and all other land area in which the natural land surface has been disturbed as a result of or incidental to the surface mining activities of the operator, including private ways and roads appurtenant to the area, land excavations, workings, refuse piles, spoil piles, AND tailings.

(d) "Borrow pit" means an area from which soil or other unconsolidated materials are removed to be used, without further processing, as fill for activities such as landscaping, building construction, or highway construction and maintenance[.] [[UNDER ONE CONTRACT OR FOR ONLY ONE JOB]].

(e) "Contiguous" means in actual contact, sharing a common property boundary, or separated only by a stream or the right-of-way of a road or highway.