

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 7-507.1 be and it is hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-507.1.

ON THE BASIS OF THE APPROVED ANNUAL AND MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSESS A 15 CENT MINE RECLAMATION SURCHARGE FOR EACH TON OF COAL REMOVED BY THE OPEN-PIT OR STRIP METHOD. THE AMOUNTS COLLECTED SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE BITUMINOUS COAL OPEN-PIT MINING RECLAMATION FUND.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 901

(House Bill 719)

AN ACT concerning

Abandoned Mine Drainage Control Act

FOR the purpose of codifying the provisions authorizing expenditure of the Mine Reclamation and Water Quality Restoration Loan of 1970 for abatement of water pollution from abandoned strip mines or deep mines; restricting the use of funds on privately owned land; and generally relating to the expenditure of the proceeds from the loan.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-604  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 7-604 of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources