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CHAPTER 173

(House Bill 568)

AN ACT concerning

Land Reclamation Committee

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of days after the submission of a reclamation plan within which the Land Reclamation Committee shall hold a public hearing; providing for public notice of the hearing; clarifying the language relating to mining and reclamation plans; and correcting a reference and making style changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-505(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 7-505(d) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

7-505.

(d) In addition to the provisions of subsection [(b)] (C) OF THIS SECTION, each application for a permit shall be accompanied by a detailed mining and reclamation plan showing the manner, time, and distance for backfilling, drainage, planting, and general reclamation of the area affected. The Committee shall review [and approve] the reclamation plan. [[The Committee shall hold a hearing with the operator within [15] 30 days after PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF submission of the plan.]] THE COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LAND RECLAMATION PLAN AT LEAST 30 BUT NOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING. NOTICE SHOULD APPEAR IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE JURISDICTION AFFECTED. After the hearing, the Committee shall [either] approve, reject, or modify the proposed plan. If it [takes no action] DOES NOT ACT on the proposed plan within ten days after the hearing, the plan