[7-204.

- (a) The Maryland Commission on Mining Laws is created and continued. It consists of three persons appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary. One of the three members shall be a representative of the mine operators, one shall be a representative of the mine employees, and at least one member shall be a resident of the State who is not affiliated with the Governor's own political party. The Governor shall designate one of the members to serve as chairman. The commissioners shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed in accordance with the standard travel regulations for travel expenses and disbursements made in the conduct of their official duties. The commissioners serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- (b) The Commission shall review the mining laws of the State and make recommendations concerning personnel and equipment, and generally make recommendations to the Secretary and any other appropriate authorities to promote the safety of miners in the State consistent with producing the maximum amount of coal from the mines.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved March 8, 1977.

CHAPTER 21

(House Bill 253)

AN ACT concerning

Bureau of Mines - Inspector of Weights and Mine Scales

FOR the purpose of abolishing the position of Inspector of Weights and Mine Scales within the Bureau of Mines.

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources Section 7-207 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. That Section 7-207 of Article - Natural