

Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-5A04.1.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT CONTINUE OR COMMENCE OPERATION OF ANY DEEP MINE AS AN OPERATOR WITHIN THE STATE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING ON A FORM THE DEPARTMENT FURNISHES AND ACCOMPANIED BY A \$200 FEE. THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPLICANT THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES. IF A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR ASSOCIATION SUBMITS THE APPLICATION, IT SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION CONCERNING OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND PRINCIPAL OWNERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A LICENSE IS RENEWABLE ANNUALLY ON APPLICATION MADE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE NEXT SUCCEEDING YEAR AND PAYMENT OF A \$10 RENEWAL FEE.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL INVESTIGATE EACH APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OR RENEWAL.

(2) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO OR RENEW THE LICENSE OF AN APPLICANT IF THE SECRETARY FINDS THAT THE APPLICANT:

(I) FAILED TO CORRECT A VIOLATION OF ANY ~~EXISTING~~ RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(III) FORFEITED ANY BOND POSTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEEP MINING ACTIVITIES IN ~~THIS~~ ANY STATE.

(3) WITH RESPECT TO AN APPLICATION OF A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR ASSOCIATION, THE SECRETARY MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO OR RENEW THE LICENSE OF THE APPLICANT, IF THE SECRETARY FINDS THAT ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR PRINCIPAL OWNERS:

(I) FAILED AND CONTINUES TO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) IS OR HAS BEEN AN OFFICER, ~~DIRECTOR,~~ OR PRINCIPAL OWNER OF ANY OTHER CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR ASSOCIATION THAT PREVIOUSLY FAILED AND CONTINUES TO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(III) FORFEITED ANY BOND POSTED IN