

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 6-102(1) and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 6-101, 6-102(g), 6-104, and 6-106(a) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

6-101.

It is in the public interest to foster, encourage, and promote the development, production, and utilization of natural resources of oil and gas in the state, to prevent waste, TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE FROM ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH DRILLING, PRODUCTION, AND UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF GAS AND OIL, and TO protect fully the rights of every owner to the end that landowners, royalty owners, producers of oil and gas, and the general public realize and enjoy the greatest possible good from these vital natural resources.

6-102.

(g) "Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and produce from a pool, OR TO STORE IN A POOL, and appropriate the oil or gas he produces OR STORES either for himself or others.

6-104.

A person may not drill any well for THE PRODUCTION OR UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF gas or oil in the state without obtaining a permit from the department under the terms and conditions and on the forms the department prescribes. The permit serves as the permit required under the provisions of Title 8 of this article, dealing with well drillers. A person may not dispose of any product of a gas or oil well without a permit issued by the department.

6-106.

(a) A well for the production OR UNDERGROUND STORAGE of gas or oil may not be drilled on any property nearer than 1,000 feet to the boundary of the property except by agreement with the owners of the gas and oil on adjacent lands.