

to be Section 7-501(z) through (cc), respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-501(y) and 7-514.6  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-516(f) and (g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 7-501(y) through (bb), respectively, of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby renumbered to be Sections 7-501(z) through (cc), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 7-501(y) and 7-514.6 be and they are hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-501.

(Y) "PROSPECT" MEANS THE REMOVAL OF SOIL OR ROCK MATERIAL OVERLYING BITUMINOUS COAL TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OR VALUE OF THE COAL RESOURCE OF THE AREA, BUT NOT TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR TRANSFER.

7-514.6.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT PROSPECT UNLESS THE PERSON FIRST:

(1) SUBMITS TO THE BUREAU THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LANDOWNER OR THE OWNER OF THE MINING RIGHTS;

(2) OBTAINS THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE BUREAU; AND

(3) FILES WITH THE BUREAU A BOND PAYABLE TO THE STATE, CONDITIONED ON FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, AND IN THE AMOUNT THAT THE