

SECRETARY DETERMINES NECESSARY TO ASSURE COMPLETION OF RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION.

(B) EACH PERSON WHO PROSPECTS AN AREA SHALL RECLAIM IT, INCLUDING BACKFILLING AND REVEGETATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS THAT THE BUREAU ADOPTS FOR OPEN-PIT MINING OPERATIONS.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 7-516 (f) and (g) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed:

Article - Natural Resources

7-516.

[(f) The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to any person engaged in prospecting for coal if no coal is marketed.

(g) Any person or operator who fails to backfill any prospected area within a reasonable time in accordance with the Bureau's rules and regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction subject to a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500.]

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 426

(House Bill 431)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service - Debt Instruments

FOR the purpose of enabling the Maryland Environmental Services to secure payments of its bonds and notes by pledge, mortgage, or deed of trust of the facilities or properties to be constructed or acquired with their proceeds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 3-104 (a) and (j) and 3-118(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)