special taxing ~~area~~ DISTRICT an amount equivalent to 8.5 percent of the State income tax liability of the residents of such incorporated municipality or special taxing ~~area~~ DISTRICT, except that the same shall not be certified nor paid by the Comptroller to any incorporated municipality or special taxing ~~area~~ DISTRICT which has not levied, or if the same shall not be levied for it, in its current fiscal year, taxes sufficient to collect a minimum of one dollar per capita of revenue and it shall have certified a copy of said levy to the State Comptroller. ~~THE COMPTROLLER SHALL NOT CERTIFY NOR PAY TO A SPECIAL TAXING AREA TREATED AS A MUNICIPALITY, IN EXISTENCE BEFORE JULY 1, 1977 AN AMOUNT OF TAX IN FISCAL YEAR 1979 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER THAT EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT CERTIFIED AND PAID TO SUCH SPECIAL TAXING AREA IN FISCAL YEAR 1978.~~ Per capita revenue shall be computed for purposes of this section by using the population figures furnished by the latest federal census or by an official local census, whichever is latest.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

CHAPTER 228

(Senate Bill 414)

AN ACT concerning

Strip Mining

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain owners from interfering with strip mine operators in their discharge of certain duties imposed by law.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 7–508(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

7–508.

(H) ~~A~~ AN OWNER OF EITHER SURFACE RIGHTS OR MINERAL