

(a) In each county of the State and in Baltimore City there shall be a supervisor of assessments who shall be appointed by the DIRECTOR OF THE State Department of Assessments and Taxation from a list of five qualified applicants submitted to the Department by the mayor of Baltimore City, the county commissioners or county council of each county or if the county charter provides for a county executive, by the county executive with the approval of the county council. THE LIST SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 30 60 DAYS OF THE DIRECTOR'S NOTIFICATION OF THE VACANCY. THIS PERIOD MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR IF REQUESTED, IN WRITING, BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 399

(House Bill 1570)

AN ACT concerning

Abandoned Mine Reclamation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to implement an abandoned mine reclamation program consistent with the Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Public Law 95-87; providing for a special fund known as the "Federal-State Reclamation Fund" to be used for reclamation purposes; authorizing the Department to issue rules and regulations and to develop a reclamation plan; establishing eligibility criteria and priorities for expenditure of funds on reclamation projects; authorizing the Department to apply for and accept any federal funds available for reclamation projects; authorizing the Department to seek a court order authorizing entry upon privately owned lands for the purpose of reclamation necessary to protect the public interest; providing that, except in certain situations, moneys expended on private lands shall constitute a lien on such lands; authorizing the Department to acquire land in need of reclamation, by purchase, donation, or condemnation; creating a general right-of-entry upon private property for purposes of inspection and study of reclamation needs; providing for disposition of reclaimed property; and generally relating to the use of federal funds in the abatement of adverse effects of past coal mining practices in this State.