FOR the purpose of ~~correcting-the-definition-of-a-pre-law~~ ~~surface--mine,--modifying--the--definition--of--surface~~ ~~mining,~~ providing for the inclusion of special reclamation fees in the Surface Mined Land Reclamation Fund and for fund investment; ~~substituting--a~~ ~~requirement-that-the-Department--of--Natural--Resources~~ ~~provide--certain--notice--to--the--Department--of-State~~ ~~Planning-for-the-present-requirement--that--a--copy--of~~ ~~each---application--for--a--surface--mining--permit--be~~ ~~submitted,-increasing-the-maximum-amount-of-performance~~ ~~bond-required-per-acre,-specifying-the--date--by--which~~ ~~annual--reports--shall--be-filed~~ correcting references; and generally amending the laws relating to noncoal surface mining in Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
~~Section-7-6A-01(q)-and-(u),-7-6A-04,-7-6A-08,~~
    ~~7-6A-09(b),-7-6A-20(b),-and-7-6A-24(a)~~
Section 7-6A-04(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

~~7-6A-01.~~

~~(q)--"Pre-law--surface--mine"--means--a-noncoal-surface~~ ~~mine-which-was-mined,-ABANDONED,-AND--UNRECLAIMED~~ ~~prior--to~~ ~~-[-issuance--of--a--permit-under-this-subtitle-]-~~ JANUARY-1, ~~1977.~~

~~(u)-(1)--"Surface-mining"-means-all-of--the--following:~~

~~(i)--The--breaking--of--the-surface-soil-in~~ ~~order-to-facilitate-or-accomplish-the-extraction-or--removal~~ ~~of-minerals;~~

~~(ii)--Any--activity-or-process-constituting~~ ~~all-or-part-of-a-process-for-the-extraction--or--removal--of~~ ~~minerals-from-their-original-location;-and~~

~~(2)--"Surface--mining"--does--not-mean-any-of-the~~ ~~following:~~

~~(i)--Those-aspects-of-deep-mining-which--do~~ ~~not--have--a--significant--effect--on--the--surface,--if-the~~ ~~affected-land-does-not-exceed-three-acres-in-area;~~

~~(ii)--Operations--engaged---in---processing~~ ~~minerals;~~