FOR the purpose of providing that residents of a state that accords similar privileges to the citizens of Maryland may apply for a fire-boss certificate of competence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 7-303(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

7-303.

(c) An applicant for a fire-boss certificate of competence shall produce evidence satisfactory to the examining authority that he is a resident of the State, OR OF ANOTHER STATE THAT ACCORDS SIMILAR PRIVILEGES TO A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND, and at least 18 years of age. He shall furnish a verified history of his experience in mining employment, showing in detail the several mines in which he has worked, their location, the particular employment followed during a period of at least 3 years, and, in particular, his knowledge of and extent of experience with gaseous mines. Each applicant shall pay an examination fee of \$3 to the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved April 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 53

(House Bill 440)

AN ACT concerning

Strip Mining - Permits for Small Operations

FOR the purpose of providing simplified permit procedures and requirements for open-pit coal mining operations that do not exceed 2 acres with certain exceptions; retaining requirements for reclamation of open-pit mines secured by bonds for such permits; and providing