

Bond Forfeitures

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that this State match a certain fee paid by a coal operator for each acre of land affected by open-pit or strip mining of coal in this State; increasing the fee that a coal operator must pay for each acre of land that the coal operator mines by open-pit or strip mining of coal; providing that the fee shall be paid only when an acre is initially permitted; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to use the fees generated under this Act to backfill, grade, and plant areas affected by open-pit or strip mining; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to cover certain deficiencies in the reclamation of open-pit or strip mined land; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the reclamation of strip mined land; and generally relating to reclaiming land affected by open-pit or strip mining.

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 7-501(y), 7-514.1, 7-514.2, 7-514.3, 7-514.4, and
 7-514.5
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 7-505(e)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 7-501(z) and (aa), respectively
 to be Section 7-501(y) and (z), respectively
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-501.

[(y) "Revolving account" or "account" means an account established within the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Mining Reclamation Fund from the State contribution to the Fund for