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CHAPTER 195

(House Bill 293)

AN ACT concerning

Surface Mining - Financial Security

FOR the purpose of requiring that a bond or other security filed with the Department in connection with a surface mining permit may not be canceled except after certain notice; requiring that a surface mine operator shall provide a substitute bond or other security prior to cancellation of an outstanding bond or security; and generally relating to bonds or other securities in connection with surface mining permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 7-6A-09(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources Section 7-6A-20(e) 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

7-6A-09.

(c) In the absence of any of these findings, a permit shall be granted. However, no permit becomes effective until the operator has deposited with the Department an acceptable performance bond or other security pursuant to § 7-6A-20 of this subtitle. If at any time the bond or other security, or any part of it, lapses for any reason other than a release by the Department, and the lapsed bond or security is not replaced by the operator [within 30 days after notice of the lapse], PURSUANT TO § 7-6A-20, the permit to which it pertains automatically