

this subtitle, provided that the penalty imposed under § 7-266(b)(2)(i) of this article may not exceed **[\$250]** \$500 per day for any violation of this subtitle.

(b) If an accredited supervisor falsely verifies that work was performed on an affected property pursuant to § 6-819(f) of this subtitle, the owner of the affected property who employs the supervisor and who has actual knowledge of the false verification shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed **[\$15,000]** \$30,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 399

(House Bill 1451)

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Gas and Oil - Coalbed Methane Production

FOR the purpose of establishing the minimum required distance from an unleased property boundary for a coalbed methane well; authorizing the Department of the Environment to make inspections it determines necessary to ensure compliance with certain requirements under certain circumstances; altering the requirement that the owner of leased lands surrender the lands under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to coalbed methane production and gas and oil.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article - Environment
 Section 14-102, 14-112, and 14-113
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article - Environment
 Section 14-121
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

14-102.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.