

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 186

(Senate Bill 968)

AN ACT concerning

Mining - Bond Supplement Reserve - Payments and Assessments

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money needed in a certain bond supplement reserve to temporarily end a certain payment, to temporarily end a certain assessment, and to resume a certain assessment; and generally relating to payments and assessments for a bond supplement reserve in the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Reclamation Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 15-517

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

15-517.

(a) The Secretary shall establish within the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Mining Reclamation Fund a bond supplement reserve to be used if funds received from the forfeiture of bonds under § 15-514 of this subtitle are not sufficient:

(1) To reclaim the land affected by the operation on which the liability was charged on the bond; and

(2) To perform:

(i) The requirements of this subtitle;

(ii) The requirements of regulations adopted under this subtitle;

and

(iii) Any permit condition that the operator has failed to perform.

(b) The Secretary shall deposit to the credit of the bond supplement reserve the following funds: