

times; altering and clarifying certain fees; providing exceptions to the application of fee changes; altering deadlines for the review and decision on certain applications; requiring that permit and land use reviews be concurrent; clarifying and altering the application of remedies and penalties; clarifying exceptions to permit periods; clarifying and altering fees, requirements, and review periods relating to certain permit modifications; altering certain fees, requirements, and review periods for permit renewals; altering transfer rights and duties for certain surface mining interests and certain procedures and review periods for approval of transfers of certain mining interests; providing for civil actions for certain violations of surface mining laws; altering definitions; defining terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to surface mining laws in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
 Section 7-6A-01, 7-6A-02, 7-6A-03, 7-6A-04, 7-6A-06 through  
 7-6A-27, inclusive, 7-6A-29, 7-6A-30, and 7-6A-31  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
 Section 7-6A-05 and 7-6A-28  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 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-01.

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

(b) ["Active operation" means one from which a minimum of 500 tons per acre of pits being mined, excluding coal, has been extracted for commercial purposes in the preceding year.

(c) "Affected land" means the land from which the mineral is removed by surface mining, and all other land area in which the natural land surface has been disturbed as a result of or incidental to the surface mining activities of the [operator] PERMITTEE, including private ways and roads appurtenant to the area, land excavations, workings, refuse piles, spoil piles, and tailings.