

CHAPTER 309

(Senate Bill 119)

AN ACT concerning

Strip Mining of Coal

FOR the purpose of altering certain public notice and hearing requirements for strip mining applications; repealing certain requirements pertaining to the completion report, mining and reclamation progress report, monthly report, and annual report; authorizing the Department to require certain information on monthly and annual reports, mining and reclamation progress reports, and completion reports; providing for the Departmental approval of the mining and reclamation progress report and map; exempting the operator from filing a map under certain conditions; providing an exemption for the operator upon approval of the completion report; requiring the written approval of the Department prior to the transfer, assignment, or sale of any rights granted by the issuance of any permit; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the administrative procedures for permitting and regulating the strip mining of coal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 7-501(n), 7-505(c)(1) and (d)(1), and 7-507(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Natural Resources
Section 7-507(b), 7-509(a), and 7-514(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 7-505(k), 7-507(b), and 7-509(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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