

## CHAPTER 481

(Senate Bill 118)

AN ACT concerning

## Deep Mining of Coal

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Natural Resources seek the recommendations of the Land Reclamation Committee for certain reclamation plans;~~ authorizing the Department to require the applicant for a deep mining permit to publish certain notice; providing for an opportunity to submit written comments and request a public hearing; ~~authorizing the Department to provide for protection against subsidence for certain lands, structures, features, buildings, and dwellings~~ requiring the Department to adopt regulations to protect against, prevent, or correct material damage due to subsidence; requiring a deep mine operator to replace certain water supplies; authorizing the Department to require the replacement of certain water supplies adversely impacted by deep mining operations; authorizing the Department to use funds from the Deep Mining Fund to replace certain water supplies subject to certain reimbursement requirements on the land owner and operator; authorizing the use of funds from the Deep Mining Fund to replace certain water supplies after release of all bonds on a permit, or where funds received from forfeiture of bonds on a permit are not sufficient; authorizing the Department to recover certain amounts from the operator or to reimburse the operator for certain eligible costs; authorizing the Department to ~~extend the liability on bonds to ensure not release bonds unless a certain operation is in compliance with the subtitle, rules and regulations, and permit conditions;~~ authorizing the Department to deposit funds received from forfeiture of bonds in the Deep Mining Fund and to use those funds for certain purposes; repealing the requirement to conduct annual inspection on completed or abandoned mine sites; providing that certain existing regulations may be determined to satisfy a certain requirement of this Act; and generally relating to the permitting, regulation, and reclamation requirements for deep mining of coal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-5A-05 and 7-5A-09(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing