

(5) THERE ARE CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SURFACE MINING IS NOT DESIRABLE, AS WHEN THE OPERATION WILL HAVE AN UNDULY ADVERSE EFFECT ON WILDLIFE OR FRESH WATER, ESTUARINE, OR MARINE FISHERIES; AND

(6) THE CONDUCT OF MINING AND RECLAMATION OF MINED LANDS AS PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE WILL ALLOW THE MINING OF VALUABLE MINERALS AND PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT BENEFICIAL USE OF THE MINED AND RECLAIMED LAND.

(b) This subtitle is an exercise of the police powers of the State for the general welfare of the people of the State, by providing for the protection and conservation of the natural resources of the State and the reclamation of areas of land affected in the surface mining of metallic and nonmetallic minerals other than coal, to aid in the protection of birds and wildlife, to decrease soil erosion, to prevent pollution of rivers, streams, and lakes, to prevent loss or waste of valuable mineral resources, to prevent and eliminate hazards to health and safety, to provide for reclamation of mined areas so as to assure the use of these lands for productive purposes, and generally to provide for the continued use and enjoyment of these lands.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

CHAPTER 531

(House Bill 520)

AN ACT concerning

Recreational Fishing - Scope of Boat License

FOR the purpose of allowing the holder of a Chesapeake Bay sport fishing special boat license to fish anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay under certain circumstances; providing for the issuance of certain complementary complimentary licenses to certain persons under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to fishing licenses and boats in the Chesapeake Bay.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-745

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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