

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE OR ASSUME THE COST OF TRAINING COAL OPERATORS THAT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE MARYLAND SURFACE MINING CONTROL PROGRAM, AND SHALL ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED COAL OPERATORS ARE AWARE OF THE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) A COAL OPERATOR THAT RECEIVES ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST OF THE SERVICES RENDERED IF THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT THE OPERATOR'S ACTUAL AND ATTRIBUTED ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF COAL FOR ALL LOCATIONS EXCEEDS 300,000 TONS DURING THE 12 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DATE ON WHICH THE OPERATOR IS ISSUED THE SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION PERMIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 461

(House Bill 1012)

AN ACT concerning

State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside Program - Extension

FOR the purpose of continuing the existence of the State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside Program by extending to a certain date the termination provisions for the Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 10-811

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Adequate supplies of fuel are essential to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Any severe disruption in fuel supplied for use within the State would cause grave hardship and pose a threat to the health and economic well-being of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, The existing petroleum distribution system serves the needs of Maryland fuel users and can be expected to do so until an acute shortage in petroleum supplies occurs; and