

CHAPTER 469

(House Bill 1136)

AN ACT concerning

Strip Mining – Lands Eligible for Remining

FOR the purpose of altering the period for which certain persons engaged in surface coal mining are responsible for successful revegetation following approval of a certain report by the Department of Natural Resources if the land is eligible for remining; limiting the duration of certain authority; defining "land eligible for remining"; making a conforming change; repealing certain definitions; and generally relating to the reclamation of land and the regulation of strip mining on land eligible for remining operations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 7-501(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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Article – Natural Resources

Section 7-501(m), (w), (x), (y), and (z), 7-505(i), and 7-511

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – Natural Resources

7-501.

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

(m) ["Net project construction cost" means the part of the project construction cost paid from the revolving account equal to the project construction cost less the cash contribution of the owner of the benefited property on completion of construction.] "LAND ELIGIBLE FOR REMINING" MEANS ANY LAND THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPENDITURES UNDER SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS TITLE.

(w) ["Project construction cost" means total cost to construct an orphaned land reclamation project, exclusive of design, supervision, inspection and maintenance costs.

(x)] "Prospect" means the removal of soil or rock material overlying bituminous coal to determine the location or value of the coal resource of the area, but not to sell, exchange, or transfer.