

(3) Review proposed changes to the surface coal mining laws and regulations to provide comments to the General Assembly and the Department;

(4) Review the Department's administration of the surface coal mining regulatory program and the abandoned coal mine reclamation program to determine compliance with the purpose of the subtitles;

(5) Enter on any surface coal mining operation to determine mining and reclamation conditions; and

(6) Recommend research, demonstration, and cost-sharing projects to promote optimum revegetation of surface coal mined lands.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 224

(House Bill 246)

AN ACT concerning

Landfills – Standards – Requirements for Security

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to adopt regulations governing financial assurance for sanitary landfills that accept municipal solid waste ~~and landfills that accept rubble~~; requiring that the regulations for financial assurance be consistent with and not exceed certain federal regulations; providing for the effective date and termination of certain regulations; requiring an applicant for a permit for a sanitary landfill that accepts municipal solid waste ~~and a landfill that accepts construction and demolition waste~~ to provide proof of financial assurance in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department; and generally relating to landfill systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9-211(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9-211.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)