

(1) THE ADMITTEE'S SPOUSE OR RELATIVE IS ADMITTED AT THE SAME TIME UNDER A JOINT CONTRACT TO AN INDEPENDENT LIVING UNIT OR ASSISTED LIVING UNIT WITHIN THE CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITY; OR

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL HAVING A LONG-TERM SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ADMITTEE IS ADMITTED AT THE SAME TIME UNDER A JOINT CONTRACT TO AN INDEPENDENT LIVING UNIT OR ASSISTED LIVING UNIT WITHIN THE CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 627

(House Bill 363)

AN ACT concerning

Mining Operations - Extraction of Coal Incidental to Other Minerals

FOR the purpose of altering certain definitions of certain mining activities to exclude the incidental extraction of coal at a level below a specified threshold; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the regulation of incidental coal production in combination with the mining of other minerals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 15-501(n)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

15-501.

(n) (1) "Open-pit mining", "strip mining", and "surface coal mining" are terms used interchangeably in this subtitle to mean the mining or recovery of bituminous coal by removing the strata or material which overlies or is above the coal deposit or seam in its natural condition, or any other recovery of coal by methods other than deep-mining, and land affected by such activities.

(2) [It includes] THESE TERMS INCLUDE methods such as contour, strip, auger, mountain top removal, box cut, open-pit, and area mining, the use of explosives and blasting, and in situ distillation or retorting, leaching or other