

Section 15-301(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Environment
Section 15-313
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

15-101.

- (a) In this title, the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Bureau" means Bureau of Mines.
- (d) "Director" or "Director of the Bureau" means Director of the Bureau of Mines.

15-301.

- (a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Examining authority" means the Director of the Bureau or [his] THE DIRECTOR'S designee when referring to the procedure for grant or suspension of a permit of competence or grant or suspension of a first-class mine foreman certificate of competence or a fire-boss certificate of competence.

15-313.

(A) THE DIRECTOR MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGULATION OF COAL MINING IN ANOTHER STATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOGNITION IN MARYLAND OF MINE FOREMAN AND FIRE-BOSS CERTIFICATES OR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THAT STATE IF:

(1) THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THAT STATE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE CORRESPONDING MARYLAND REQUIREMENTS; AND

(2) THE OTHER STATE PROVIDES RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE BUREAU.

(B) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A MINE FOREMAN CERTIFICATE, FIRE-BOSS CERTIFICATE, OR OTHER CERTIFICATION ISSUED BY AN AGENCY OF ANOTHER STATE THAT HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO THE BUREAU FOR RECIPROCAL CERTIFICATION.