

This bill increases the amount of money needed in a mining bond supplement reserve to temporarily end a specified payment, to temporarily end a specified assessment, and to resume a specified assessment.

Senate Bill 968, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1531.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### **House Bill No. 1531**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Mining - Bond Supplement Reserve - Payments and Assessments**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money needed in a certain bond supplement reserve to temporarily end a certain payment, to temporarily end a certain assessment, and to resume a certain assessment; and generally relating to payments and assessments for a bond supplement reserve in the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Reclamation Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 15-517

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

#### **Article - Environment**

15-517.

(a) The Secretary shall establish within the Bituminous Coal Open-Pit Mining Reclamation Fund a bond supplement reserve to be used if funds received from the forfeiture of bonds under § 15-514 of this subtitle are not sufficient:

(1) To reclaim the land affected by the operation on which the liability was charged on the bond; and

(2) To perform:

(i) The requirements of this subtitle;

(ii) The requirements of regulations adopted under this subtitle;

and

(iii) Any permit condition that the operator has failed to perform.