Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 363 (Delegate Edwards)

Environmental Matters

Mining Operations - Extraction of Coal Incidental to Other Minerals

This bill alters the definitions of "open-pit mining," "strip mining," and "surface coal mining" to exclude the incidental extraction of coal at a level that does not exceed within any calendar year 16 2/3 percent of the total cumulative production of coal and other minerals from a mining area for the purposes of bona fide sale or reasonable commercial use.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially alter the Maryland Department of the Environment's operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Information Source(s): Department of the Environment, Department of Legislative

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