

indigenous to the coal mining industry in the individual coal producing states; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has historically recognized and excelled in the promotion of the environmental and economic well-being of the State while regulating the surface mining industry within the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Congress of the United States be requested to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-87) by amending Section 503(a)(7) of the Act, by striking the phrase "regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to"; and, in Section 701(25) of the Act, by striking the phrase "and regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to this Act," in order to authorize the coal producing states to establish surface mining and reclamation programs, within their respective states, consistent with this Act, without the further requirement of consistency with federal rules and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed April 8, 1980.

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No. 3

(House Joint Resolution No. 126)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Mileage Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of approving the rule adopted by the Board of Public Works increasing the rate of mileage reimbursement for State employees.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has adopted an amendment to Section IV B of the Standard Travel Regulations at its meeting on February 6, 1980. This amendment increased the reimbursement rate for use of a personal car by a State employee on State business from 16 cents to 18 cents per mile. The increase is to take effect on March 1, 1980. The increase is necessitated by the rise in gasoline prices and automobile maintenance costs; and

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