

1 AN ACT relating to natural resources.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 350.475 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Energy and Environment Cabinet is directed to promulgate *administrative*  
5 regulations *in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A* which specifically address what  
6 liability surface mining permittees shall have to reclaim permit areas on which  
7 parties or forces not controlled by the permittee have disturbed the reclamation  
8 previously performed by the permittee. ~~The[Such]~~ parties or forces not controlled  
9 by the permittee shall include, without limitation, acts of God, oil and gas  
10 operations, loggers, recreational vehicles, and trespassers.
- 11 (2) The Energy and Environment Cabinet is also directed to promulgate *administrative*  
12 regulations *in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A* which specifically set forth the  
13 procedure for transferring liability for reclamation of a surface mining permit to a  
14 party who will make a post mining use of the permit area.