

CHAPTER 65

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**SENATE BILL 97-199**

BY SENATORS Bishop, Wattenberg, Chlouber, Norton, Powers, and Tebedo;  
also REPRESENTATIVES Taylor, G. Berry, Miller, Paschall, Reeser, Smith, Sullivant, and Young.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF MINED LAND RECLAMATION TO ALLOW SELF-BONDING  
BY MINE OPERATORS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 34-33-113 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

**34-33-113. Performance bonds.** (3) The office ~~shall~~ MAY accept the bond of the applicant itself without separate surety when the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the office that the applicant has the financial means sufficient to self-bond for reclamation, pursuant to reasonable bonding regulations promulgated by the board, consistent with the purposes and provisions of this article.

**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect upon passage, and shall apply to permit applications filed pursuant to section 34-33-113, Colorado Revised Statutes, on or after said date.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 28, 1997

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*