

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §37B-3-2

§37B-3-2. Legislative findings; declaration of public policy.

The Legislature finds that it is the public policy of this state and in the public interest to:

- (1) Promote the safe and efficient mining, extraction, and production of coal in this state;
- (2) Protect the health and safety of coal miners;
- (3) Prohibit the waste of coal;
- (4) Encourage the maximum recovery of coal;
- (5) Safeguard, protect, and enforce the correlative rights of coal producers and coal owners;
- (6) Protect the rights of surface owners; and
- (7) Promote the execution and performance of contracts lawfully made.