

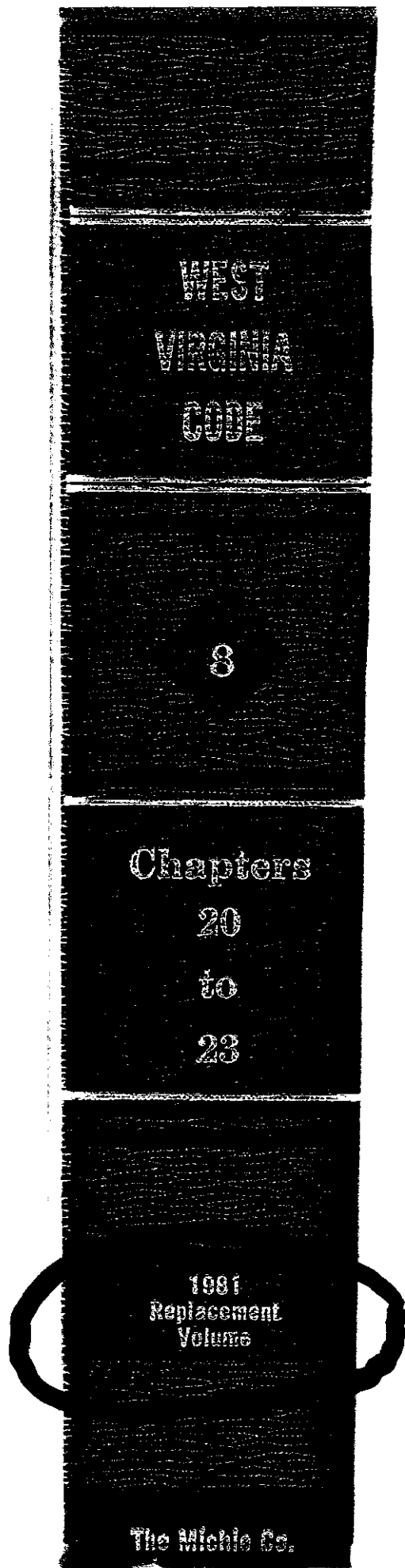
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In 1994 the West Virginia Legislature created the Department of Environmental Protection ["DEP"] by giving to it the duties of the old Department of Mines and Minerals and many of the duties previously in the Department of Natural Resources. In doing so it recodified much of Chapter 22 and Chapter 20 of the West Virginia Code.

The major publishers of West Virginia statutes generally include in their books and on their web pages the history of the enactments and changes to the various sections of the Code. However, after the 1994 recodification, the major publishers of the Code only show that date for the recodification in 1994. The statutory previous history of the sections that were moved around during the recodification is no longer shown!

This document is excerpts relating to oil and gas from the 1981 bound volume and 1982 pocket part of the Code as published by The Michie Company. It can be used as a resource to discover Code sections as they were for many years prior to the recodification up to 1982. Sometimes a note at the end of the statutory section will tell what the most recent changes were. After every section is a notation in parentheses to the year the Legislature revised that section and the chapter ["c."] of the published book called *The Acts of the Legislature* for that year containing the new section or sections code. The *Acts of the Legislature* bound volumes are available at large public and private libraries and at the Legislature. For legislation passed starting in 1993 the "Bill Status" page of the legislative web site can be used to search each year for statutory changes by section made that year.

Note that this document is limited to oil and gas statutes (except for a table of contents for Chapter 20). Note also that this document does NOT show changes between 1982 and 1994! To get that you would have to go to the bound volume published most recently to 1994 and its pocket part. That is probably available in the West Virginia Supreme Court Library and may be available in other very large public or private law libraries.



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