

pickerel, muscallonge, western and northern pike, from the first day of December to the thirtieth day of June next following, both dates inclusive: *Provided, however, That pickerel may be caught and taken, not exceeding the daily creel limits fixed by this act, during the months of December and January, but only when tip-ups are employed while fishing through holes in the ice.*

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 430

AN ACT

Providing for the examination and certification of, and regulating the employment of mine electricians in bituminous coal mines; imposing duties upon the mine foremen's examining board, and the Secretary of Mines; and providing penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That commencing two years after the effective date of this act, it shall be unlawful to employ as chief mine electrician, in any gaseous bituminous coal mine using approved electrical equipment, as a whole or in part, any person who has not demonstrated, in written and oral examination, to the satisfaction of the mine foremen's examining board, his fitness and competency to examine and maintain in safe condition such electrical equipment, and his general knowledge of the installation and use of electricity and the dangers incident to its use in coal mines. Those giving satisfactory evidence of their competency to examine and maintain such electrical equipment in a safe state, and a general knowledge of the installation and use of electricity and the dangers connected with its use in bituminous coal mines, shall be recommended as competent, by the mine foremen's examining board, to the Secretary of Mines. Whereupon, said Secretary of Mines shall issue a certificate of competency to those recommended by the mine foremen's examining board, and the cost of such examination and certificate shall be borne by each applicant.

Examination.

Certificate of competency.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the mine electrician to assist the mine foreman in carrying out all the provisions of the bituminous mining laws bearing on the use and installation of electricity in bituminous coal mines, and the equipment powered thereby, and he shall be subject to the same penalties as the mine foreman for any violation of these laws.

Duties.

Section 3. Any person who violates the provisions of this act, and any person who is responsible for any such violation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon

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conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or imprisonment for not exceeding three months, or both.

When effective.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

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No. 431

AN ACT

Providing for the examination and certification of, and regulating the employment of shot-firers and mining machine runners employed in gaseous bituminous coal mines; imposing duties upon the Secretary of Mines; and providing penalties.

Secretary of Mines.

Certificates.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, commencing one year after the effective date of this act, it shall be unlawful to employ as shot-firers or mining machine runners, in any gaseous bituminous coal mine, any person who has not given evidence to the Secretary of Mines as to his fitness and competency to handle and use an approved safety lamp, and his ability to determine the presence or absence of explosive gas. The manner of determining such fitness and competency shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Mines, and he shall issue a certificate to those found competent, the form of which shall also be prescribed by the Secretary of Mines, and the cost of such examination and certification shall be borne by the candidates: Provided, That persons possessing bituminous mine officials certificates shall be eligible to act as shot-firers or mining machine runners without complying with the other provisions of this act: Provided, however, That in an emergency the mine foreman may deputize, temporarily, a competent person or persons to act as shot-firers or machine runners, but this authority shall not be exercised by the mine foreman so long as certified shot-firers or certified machine runners are available in the mine.

Penalty.

Section 2. Any person who violates the provisions of this act, and any person who is responsible for any such violation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or imprisonment for not exceeding three months, or both.

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