

No. 423

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 756), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal-mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," permitting the blasting of coal upon prior permission from Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries.

Bituminous
mines: health
and safety.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Special rule 1,
article XXV.,
act of June 9,
1911, P. L. 756,
amended July 1,
1937, P. L. 2486,
further amended.

Section 1. Special rule 1 of article XXV., act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 756), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal-mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," amended July 1, 1937 (P. L. 2486), is amended to read:

Article XXV.

Rules; Special Rules; Duties of Miner.

Special rule 1.

Rule One. The miner shall examine his working place before beginning work, and take down all dangerous slate, or otherwise make it safe by properly timbering it before commencing to mine or load coal. He shall examine his place to see whether the fire boss has left the date marks indicating his examination thereof, and if said marks cannot be found it shall be the duty of the miner to notify the mine foreman or the assistant mine foreman of the fact. The miner shall at all times be careful to keep his working place in a safe condition during working hours.

Safe conditions.

Danger.

Should he at any time find his place becoming dangerous from gas or roof or from any unusual condition that may arise, he shall at once cease working and inform the mine foreman or the assistant mine foreman of said danger, but before leaving his place he shall put some plain warning across the entrance thereto to warn others against entering into danger.

Warning.

Group blasting
requires permis-
sion of the
secretary.

Blasting shall not be permitted in a group or multiple shots by the owner, operator or superintendent of any mine unless permission, in writing, to do so is first obtained from the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries.

Duty of secre-
tary to appoint
a Commission of
Mine Inspectors.

Should an operator wish to do group or multiple shooting, the operator shall make written application to the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries. The secretary shall then designate a Commission of Mine Inspectors to investigate and study the situation. Upon receipt of a plan and recommendations from the commission, the secretary may grant such permission.

It shall be the duty of the miner to mine his coal properly before blasting, and to set sprags while undercutting, centercutting, or overcutting. After each blast he shall exercise care in examining the roof and coal, and shall secure them safely before beginning to work.

Blasting.

He shall order all roof supports, including wedges, cap-pieces, and lagging necessary, at least one day in advance of needing them, as provided for in the rules of the mine. If he fails to receive said material, and finds his place unsafe, he shall vacate it until the necessary material is supplied.

Ordering of props, etc.

Under no conditions shall the miner use coal dust or any other combustible material for tamping in any mine.

Combustible tamping forbidden.

When places are liable to generate sudden outbursts of explosive gas, no miner shall be allowed to charge or fire shots, except under the supervision and with the consent of the mine foreman or the assistant mine foreman, or some other competent person designated by the mine foreman for that purpose.

Explosive gas.

The miner shall remain during working hours in the working place assigned to him by the mine foreman or the assistant mine foreman, and he shall not leave his working place for another working place without the permission of the mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, or fire boss, and he shall not wander about the hauling roads or enter abandoned or idle workings.

Shall remain in working place.

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APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A. D. 1957.

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No. 424

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 756), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," requiring the designation of a person to act as mine foreman:

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Bituminous mines: health and safety.

Section 1. Section 3 of article 28, act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 756), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," amended April 4, 1956 (P. L. 1396), is amended to read:

Section 3, article 28, act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, amended April 4, 1956, P. L. 1396, further amended.