

No. 124.

## AN ACT

To amend part of section six of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred eighty-one), entitled "An act providing for the appointment of boards of examiners to examine applicants for certificates of qualification as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses in the bituminous coal mines of this Commonwealth; prescribing the qualifications; defining the powers and duties, and fixing the compensation of such examiners; authorizing the Chief of the Department of Mines to determine the district in which boards of examiners shall hold examinations, and to designate the boards before whom applicants in the various inspection districts shall appear; providing for the issuance of certificates of qualification to successful applicants; fixing the fees to be paid by applicants, and providing for their disposition; forbidding the employment of unqualified persons as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses; providing a penalty for forging or making false statements regarding certificates," by providing for a change in the qualifications of applicants for mine foremen's, assistant mine foremen's, and fire bosses' certificates.

Bituminous coal mines.

Board of examiners to examine mine foremen and fire bosses.

Part of section 6 of act of May 31, 1923 (P. L. 431), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That part of section six of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred eighty-one), entitled "An act providing for the appointment of boards of examiners to examine applicants for certificates of qualification as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses in the bituminous coal mines of this Commonwealth; prescribing the qualifications; defining the powers and duties, and fixing the compensation of such examiners; authorizing the Chief of the Department of Mines to determine the district in which boards of examiners shall hold examinations, and to designate the boards before whom applicants in the various inspection districts shall appear; providing for the issuance of certificates of qualification to successful applicants; fixing the fees to be paid by applicants, and providing for their disposition; forbidding the employment of unqualified persons as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses; providing a penalty for forging or making false statements regarding certificates," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Qualification of mine foremen.

Section 6. Applicants for certificates of qualification as mine foremen, [and] assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses shall be citizens of the United States, of good moral character and of known temperate habits, at least twenty-three years of age, and shall have had *an aggregate of* at least five years' practical experience, after sixteen years of age, as miners or mining engineers, or men of general work inside of the bituminous mines of [Pennsylvania] *the United States,*

of which five years there must be not less than two years' practical experience inside of the bituminous mines of Pennsylvania: Provided, That graduates in the coal mining course of a recognized institution of learning may be granted certificates of qualification by the examining board as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses, if possessed of an aggregate of not less than three years' practical experience as miners or mining engineers or men of general work inside of the bituminous mines of Pennsylvania. Applicants for certificates of qualification as fire bosses [shall be citizens of the United States, of good moral character and of known temperate habits, at least twenty-three years of age, and shall have had at least five years' practical experience, after sixteen years of age, as miners or men of general work, and] shall also have had experience in bituminous mines in Pennsylvania that generate explosive gas.

Qualification of  
fire bosses.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 125.

AN ACT

To amend paragraph two, section nine, article four; paragraph three, section fourteen, article four; and sections one and three of article ten of an act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and fifty-six), 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."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That paragraph two, section nine, article four of an act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and fifty-six), 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," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Bituminous coal  
mines.

Safety lamps and  
open lights.

Paragraph 2, section 9, article IV of act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 756), amended.

In such portions of a dry and dusty mine, where explosive gas is being generated in quantities sufficient to be detected by an approved safety lamp, the mine foreman shall direct and see that the rooms and entries are moistened by water or other efficient means as often as necessary to keep the dust in damp condition, and he shall direct and see that the dust is loaded and taken out of the mine as often as necessary: *Provided, however, That the above provisions shall not prohibit the substitution for water of any other substance*

Dampening of  
dust.

Proviso.