

No. 182

## AN ACT

To further amend section 14 of Article IV of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 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," by permitting shot-firers to carry approved electric lamps and further prescribing his duties.

Bituminous  
coal mines.

Last paragraph  
of section 14  
of Article IV,  
act of June 9,  
1911, P. L. 756,  
as last amended  
by act of May  
3, 1943, P. L.  
154, further  
amended.

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

Section 1. The last paragraph of section 14 of Article IV of the act, approved the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 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," as last amended by the act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 154), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Shot-firers.

Section 14. \* \* \* \* \*

Safety lamps.

Examinations  
for gas and  
other dangers.

Precautions to  
be taken in  
gaseous mines.

No shot-firer or any other person shall fire a shot in any working place, or at any point in any mine, if his safety lamp indicates explosive gas; and he shall not be in possession of any other lamp than an approved safety lamp, except he may have in addition, an [officials' electric flash light or flash] *electric* lamp approved by the Secretary of Mines while performing the duties of a shot-firer. *The shot-firer shall turn the electric lamp out when making examinations for gas and he shall examine all places for gas and other dangers before and after firing each shot.* This provision is not intended to prohibit blasting in entries going into the solid coal, wherein explosive gas is escaping from the coal, conditioned it is carried off rapidly, rendered harmless, and diluted below the point of detection on the flame of an approved safety lamp. In gaseous mines in which approved safety lamps are used, he shall fire no holes unless the entries and rooms which are dry and dusty are so thoroughly wetted as to prevent the existence of any dry dust for a distance of not less than eighty feet from the hole to be fired, unless the dust is rendered inert to explosibility by rock dust.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1953.

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