

Section 1. Section 6, act of April 14, 1903 (P. L. 180), entitled "An act to establish a Department of Mines in Pennsylvania; defining its purposes and authority; providing for the appointment of a Chief of said Department, and assistants, and fixing their salaries and expenses," is amended to read:

Section 6, act of April 14, 1903, P. L. 180, amended.

Section 6. The Board of Examiners for the examination of applicants for mine inspectors in the Anthracite and Bituminous coal mines of the Commonwealth, the Board for the examination of applicants for mine foremen and assistant mine foremen in the Anthracite mines, the Board for the examination of applicants for first and second grade certificates in the Bituminous mines, and the Board styled Miners' Examining Board for applicants for certificates of competency as miners, shall send to the Chief of the Department of Mines duplicates of the manuscripts and all other papers of applicants, together with the tally-sheets and the solution of each question as given by the Examining Board, which shall be filed in the Department as public documents *for a period of time not less than eight years.*

Duty of Board of Examiners, etc.

Duplicate papers.

Filing of.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 428

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 2, 1891 (P. L. 176), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," limiting the use of acetylene burners and other similar devices and imposing duties on the district mine inspector.

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

Anthracite mines: health and safety.

Section 1. Rule 9 of Article XII., act of June 2, 1891 (P. L. 176), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," amended April 22, 1929 (P. L. 630), is amended to read:

Rule 9, Article XII., act of June 2, 1891, P. L. 176, amended April 22, 1929, P. L. 630, further amended.

Article XII.

General Rules.

The following general rules shall be observed in every mine to which this act applies.

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Safety lamps
only, to be used
in certain mines.

Rule 9. In each part of all mines in which danger is imminent from explosive gases, no light or fire, other than a locked safety lamp, or a locked safety lamp and electric lamp, both of a type which shall be first approved by the Department of Mines, shall be allowed or used in such part. *The use of acetylene burners, blow torches or other similar devices in mines in which danger is imminent from explosive gases shall not be permitted by the owner, operator, superintendent, mine foreman or assistant mine foreman, unless permission is *obtained in writing to use such device from the district mine inspector. The written permission shall include specific locations where such devices may be used. If there is need for the use of this equipment in locations other than those specified in the letter from the district mine inspector, written permission shall be **obtained for each single instance of necessary use.* Whenever safety lamps or electric lamps are required in any mine or part thereof, they shall be the property of the owner of said mine; and a competent person, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall examine every safety lamp and electric lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use, and he shall ascertain that all safety lamps are clean, safe, and securely locked; and safety lamps and electric lamps shall not be used until they have been so examined and found safe, and, in the case of safety lamps, clean and securely locked, unless permission be first given by the mine foreman to have the safety lamps used unlocked.

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Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 429

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 1, 1937 (P. L. 2461), entitled "An act providing for the qualifications, examination, appointment, term of office, and removal of Anthracite Mine Inspectors; conferring powers and imposing duties in connection therewith upon the Governor, the Anthracite Mine Inspectors' Examining Board, the Department of Mines, and the courts; and imposing penalties," establishing a period of time during which certain records must be kept.

Anthracite Mine
Inspectors.

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

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