

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:

* "attained" in original.
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Section 1. Section 5, 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," is amended to read:

Section 5, act of July 1, 1937, P. L. 2461, amended.

Section 5. The manuscripts and all other papers of the applicants in the examination, together with the tally sheets and the correct solution of each question as prepared by the board, shall be filed in the Department of [Public Instruction] *Mines and Mineral Industries* for a period of time not less than eight (8) years. The board, or at least four members thereof, shall certify to the Governor, and also the Secretary of Mines and *Mineral Industries*, the names and percentages of all successful applicants who are properly qualified under the provisions of this act to fill the office of anthracite mine inspector. A certificate of qualification shall be issued to each successful applicant. A certificate so issued shall remain in force for a period of four years only, unless the holder thereof has received an appointment as anthracite mine inspector, and has served as such for a period of four (4) years, in which case the certificate shall become permanent.

Department of Mines and Mineral Industries.

Certificate of qualification.

Certificate for four years.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 430

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 31, 1923 (P. L. 481), 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 of making false statements regarding certificates," establishing a period of time during which certain records must be kept.