

No. 79

AN ACT

SB 392

Amending the act of July 17, 1961 (P.L.659, No.339), entitled "An act relating to bituminous coal mines; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; providing 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; prescribing powers and duties in connection therewith; prescribing penalties; and repealing existing laws," further providing for the training and compensation of mine rescue crews.

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

Section 1. Section 127, act of July 17, 1961 (P.L.659, No.339), known as the "Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Act," is amended to read:

Section 127. Mine Rescue Crews.—The secretary is hereby authorized to have trained and employed at the rescue stations operated by the department, such rescue crews as he may deem necessary. Each member of a rescue crew shall devote **[four hours each month] adequate time** for training purposes **as determined by the secretary**, and shall be available at all times to assist in rescue work at explosions, **[and] mine fires [Regular members shall receive for such services the sum of seven dollars (\$7) per month and captains shall receive eight dollars (\$8) per month] and recovery work. Members of the mine rescue crews shall be compensated at rates commensurate for the area as determined by the secretary** and payable on requisition approved by the secretary, and such other sums to be paid by the operating company as may be agreed upon when engaged in rescue work at explosions, **[or] mine fires or recovery work**. The secretary may remove any member of a rescue crew at any time.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of October, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 79.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.