No. 534

AN ACT

To further amend Rule 12 of Article XII of the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand eight hundred ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws 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," by authorizing the use of roof bolts and other practical devices in working places.

Anthracite coal mines.

Rule 12 of Article XII, act of June 2, 1891, P. L. 176, as last amended by act of June 21, 1947, P. L. 792. further amended. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Rule 12 of Article XII of the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand eight hundred ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 792), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII General Rules.

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

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Rule 12. The mine foreman or his assistant shall visit and examine every working place in the mine every working day, while the men of such place are or should be at work, and shall direct that each and every working place is properly secured by props, [or] timber, roof bolts, or such other practical devices as may serve to secure the safety of the workmen, and that safety in all respects is assured by directing that all loose coal or rock shall be pulled down or secured, and that no person shall be permitted to work in an unsafe place, unless it be for the purpose of making it secure, and a report of said examination shall be recorded in a book without delay, kept at the colliery for that purpose, and signed by the person making the same, and countersigned within a period of one week by the mine foreman. All such reports shall be made and signed at the end of each shift: Providing, however, If the mine is idle forty-eight (48) hours or more, the mine foreman or his assistant shall examine every working place the day before operations are resumed, and all such entries shall be made and

signed in ink in a manner similar to that heretofore described. The use of roof bolts in lieu of props or timber as conventionally used shall not be permitted by the owner, operator or superintendent of any mine, unless permission in writing to do so is first obtained from the Secretary of Mines. The Secretary of Mines shall grant such permission after he has received the approval of a commission of three mine inspectors, one of whom shall be the inspector in whose district the mine for which permission is sought to use roof bolts is located.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are hereby re- Inconsistent acts pealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the pro-

visions of this act.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become Act effective immediately. effective immediately upon final enactment.

Approved—The 14th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 535

AN ACT

To further amend subsections (a), (b) and (c) of section 1112 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling including liens are umbrances and legal claims. for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," by authorizing the designation of thru highways and stop intersections in second class townships.

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

Section 1. Subsections (a), (b) and (c) of section Subsections (a), (12 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thound in the hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, as 1112 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of 1931, P. L. 751, vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses.

"The Vehicle Code."

amended by act further amended.