

It shall be the duty of the miner to mine his coal properly before blasting, and to set sprags while undercutting, centercutting, or overcutting. After each blast he shall exercise care in examining the roof and coal, and shall secure them safely before beginning to work.

Blasting.

He shall order all roof supports, including wedges, cap-pieces, and lagging necessary, at least one day in advance of needing them, as provided for in the rules of the mine. If he fails to receive said material, and finds his place unsafe, he shall vacate it until the necessary material is supplied.

Ordering of props, etc.

Under no conditions shall the miner use coal dust or any other combustible material for tamping in any mine.

Combustible tamping forbidden.

When places are liable to generate sudden outbursts of explosive gas, no miner shall be allowed to charge or fire shots, except under the supervision and with the consent of the mine foreman or the assistant mine foreman, or some other competent person designated by the mine foreman for that purpose.

Explosive gas.

The miner shall remain during working hours in the working place assigned to him by the mine foreman or the assistant mine foreman, and he shall not leave his working place for another working place without the permission of the mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, or fire boss, and he shall not wander about the hauling roads or enter abandoned or idle workings.

Shall remain in working place.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 424

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 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," requiring the designation of a person to act as mine foreman:

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

Bituminous mines: health and safety.

Section 1. Section 3 of article 28, act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 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," amended April 4, 1956 (P. L. 1396), is amended to read:

Section 3, article 28, act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, amended April 4, 1956, P. L. 1396, further amended.

Article XXVIII.

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Application
of act.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to every bituminous coal mine in the Commonwealth, but no mine employing less than five persons on the inside in any twenty-four hour period need have a mine foreman. *A person shall be designated by the operator to be equally responsible as a mine foreman under this act.*

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 425

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 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," providing for the recording and preservation of examinations, questions and answers, and establishing a period of time during which such records must be kept.

Bituminous
mines: health
and safety.

Section 4, article
XIX., act of
June 9, 1911,
P. L. 756,
amended April 4,
1956, P. L. 1410,
further amended.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of article XIX., act of June 9, 1911 (P. L. 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," amended April 4, 1956 (P. L. 1410), is amended to read:

Examinations.

Section 4. The principal examination shall be in writing, and each candidate shall also undergo an oral examination pertaining to explosive gas, safety lamps, methods of ventilation, and mine management, and such other matters as the Examining Board shall deem relevant. The questions and answers thereto in the oral examination shall be reported verbatim by an expert stenographer, *or recorder by the use of a recording device*, and typewritten fully, *or reproduced by some other method, in order* to assist the board in the work of rating the qualifications of the candidates. Any candidate who shall make a general average of at least ninety per centum shall be deemed successful. The manuscripts and other papers of all applicants in the principal examination, together with the tally sheets and the correct solution of each question as prepared by the Examining Board, and also the [stenographer's] report of the oral