

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

examination, shall be filed in the Department of Mines *for a period of time not less than eight years*. The names and percentages of all successful candidates who are properly qualified, under the provisions of this article, to fill the office of bituminous mine inspector, shall be certified to the Governor and the Department of Mines. A certificate of qualification prepared by the Secretary of Mines shall be issued to each successful candidate. A certificate so issued shall remain in force for a period of four years from the date of the examination, unless the holder thereof has received an appointment as bituminous mine inspector and has served as such for a period of four years in which case the certificate shall become permanent: Provided, That a certificate of qualification of a person honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States or an ally thereof shall not expire until the first examination occurring more than six months following his release from military service.

Issuance of certificate of qualification to successful candidates.

Expiration of certificates.

Proviso.

The Examining Board shall, after the examination, furnish to any candidate, on request, a copy of all questions (oral and written) given at the examination, marked "solved right," "imperfect," or "wrong," as the case may be.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Effective date.

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

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 426

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 5, 1947 (P. L. 1217), entitled "An act to promote the education and educational facilities of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; creating a State Public School Building Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve and operate projects and to lease the same and to fix and collect fees, rentals and charges for the use thereof; authorizing school districts to enter into contracts to lease; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by said Authority; and providing for the payment of such bonds and the rights of the holders thereof; granting the right of eminent domain; increasing the powers and duties of the Department of Public Instruction; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted under this act; and making an appropriation to said Authority to pay expenses incident to its formation," authorizing the authority to have sites examined by the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries, and providing for the payment of such services.

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

State Public School Building Authority Act.