

No. 469

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 2, 1891 (P. L. 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," providing that newly assigned mine inspectors be conducted through each mine in his district by his predecessor or a representative of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries.

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

Anthracite coal mines.

Section 1. Article II., act of June 2, 1891 (P. L. 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," is amended by adding, after section 19, a new section to read:

Article II., act of June 2, 1891. P. L. 176, amended by adding a new section 19.1.

ARTICLE II.

Inspectors and Inspection Districts.

Section 19.1. When a mine inspector is newly assigned to a district, he shall, before assuming his duties, be accompanied through all working places in each mine in the district by his predecessor, or some other representative of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries, who is thoroughly familiar with the workings.

Before assuming duties, mine inspector must make physical inspection of all places in every mine in the district.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of October, A. D. 1959.

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No. 470

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 2, 1891 (P. L. 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," regulating the marking of the means of ingress and egress in mines.

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

Anthracite coal mines.

Section 1. Section 1 of article IV., act of June 2, 1891 (P. L. 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," is amended to read:

Section 1, article IV., act of June 2, 1891. P. L. 176, amended.

ARTICLE IV.

Shafts, Slopes, Openings and Outlets.

Employes must be in connection with every seam, etc.

Must be two openings from every lift.

Safe means of ingress and egress.

Uniform markings.

Shall not apply to opening a new mine, etc., if not more than twenty persons are employed.

Section 1. It shall not be lawful for the owner, operator or superintendent of any mine to employ any person or persons in such mine or permit any person or persons to be in such mine for the purpose of working therein, unless they are in connection with every seam or stratum of coal; and from every lift thereof, worked in such mine, not less than two openings or outlets separated by a strata of not less than sixty (60) feet in breadth underground, and one hundred and fifty (150) feet in breadth at the surface, at which openings or outlets safe and distinct means of ingress and egress are at all times available for the person or persons employed in the said mine, but it shall not be necessary for the said two openings to belong to the same mine if the persons employed therein have safe, ready and available means of ingress and egress by not less than two openings. *All means of ingress and egress shall be marked in a uniform manner as prescribed by the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries and each miner as part of his certification requirements shall have a thorough knowledge of the manner in which means of ingress and egress are marked. It shall be the duty of the mine foreman or assistant mine foreman to notify all of the persons working within the mine of the two nearest openings, and of at least two alternate means of ingress or egress if such alternate means are available.* This section shall not apply to opening a new mine or to opening any new lift of a mine, while being worked for the purpose of making communication between said two outlets, so long as not more than twenty persons are employed at any one time in such mine or new lift of a mine, neither shall it apply to any mine or part of a mine in which the second outlet has been rendered unavailable by reason of the final robbing of pillars previous to abandonment, so long as not more than twenty persons are employed therein at any one time. The cage or cages and other means of egress shall, at all times, be available for the persons employed where there is no second outlet.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of October, A. D. 1959.

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No. 471

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P. L. 90), entitled "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the