

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 1943

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SENATE BILL No. 84

(By Mr. Burchett)

PASSED March 12 1943

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article one, chapter twenty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to mine inspectors.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section eight, article one, chapter twenty-two, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 8. *Mine Inspector; Qualifications; Oath; Bond; Removal; Salary and Expenses.* Every person appointed to the office of mine inspector shall be a citizen of West Virginia, of good moral character and temperate habits, shall

5 have a practical knowledge of mining and the proper  
6 ventilation and drainage of mines; and a knowledge of  
7 the gases met with in coal mines, and shall be a miner of  
8 at least six years' experience in coal mines. A diploma  
9 from any accredited school of mining engineering, or  
10 having otherwise been engaged as an employee for six  
11 years within coal mines, shall qualify as two years' ex-  
12 perience He shall not, while in office, be interested as  
13 owner, operator, stockholder, superintendent or en-  
14 gineer of any coal mine. Before entering upon the  
15 discharge of his duties he shall take the oath of of-  
16 fice prescribed by the constitution, and shall execute  
17 a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars with se-  
18 curity to be approved by the governor conditioned upon  
19 the faithful discharge of his duty, a certificate of which  
20 oath and bond shall be filed in the office of the secretary  
21 of state.

22 A mine inspector shall be removed from office by the  
23 chief of the department of mines for incompetency, neg-  
24 lect of duty, drunkenness, malfeasance or for other good  
25 cause.

26 The salaries of mine inspectors shall not be less than  
27 three thousand dollars nor more than thirty-nine hundred  
28 dollars per annum, and actual traveling expenses; such  
29 salary to be fixed by the chief of the department of mines,  
30 and shall be based on the ability and experience of the  
31 inspector: *Provided*, That before payment of such ex-  
32 penses shall be made to the inspector he shall file an  
33 account of such expenses, verified by his affidavit showing  
34 they accrued in the discharge of his official duties: *Pro-*  
35 *vided, however*, That the salaries of mine inspectors  
36 herein mentioned shall be for the period ending June  
37 thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred forty-five.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Ray F. Johnson  
Chairman Senate Committee

Fred L. Petroff  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate

Takes effect Monday day from passage

Fred B. Watkins  
Clerk of the Senate

Phillips  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

James Rance  
President of the Senate

John C. Moore  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 19th  
day of March, 1943.

Matthew M. Neely  
Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia MAR 19 1943

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,  
Secretary of State