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HOUSE BILL No. 305

(By Mr. Flannery)



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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, as amended, relating to the appointment, qualifications and salaries of 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, as amended, be amended and reenacted, to read as follows:

Article 1. Department of Mines.

Section 8. *Mine Inspector; Qualifications; Oath; Bond; Removal; Salary and Expenses.*—Every person appointed
2 to the office of mine inspector shall be a citizen of West
3 Virginia, of good moral character and temperate habits,
4 shall have a practical knowledge of mining and the proper
5 ventilation and drainage of mines, and a knowledge of the
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7 gases met with in coal mines, and shall be a miner of at
8 least six years' experience in coal mines. A diploma from
9 any accredited school of mining engineering, or having
10 otherwise been engaged as an employee for six years
11 within coal mines, shall qualify as two years' experience.
12 He shall not while in office be interested as owner, oper-
13 ator, stockholder, superintendent or engineer of any coal
14 mine. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties he
15 shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution,
16 and shall execute a bond in the penalty of two thousand
17 dollars, with security to be approved by the governor,
18 conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duty, a cer-
19 tificate of which oath and bond shall be filed in the office
20 of the secretary of state.

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

25 The salaries of mine inspectors shall not be less than
26 three thousand six hundred dollars nor more than four
27 thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and actual

28 traveling expenses: *Provided*, That before payment of
29 such expenses shall be made to the inspector he shall file
30 an account of such expenses, verified by his affidavit,
31 showing they accrued in the discharge of his official
32 duties; such salary to be fixed by the chief of the depart-
33 ment of mines, and shall be based on the ability and
34 experience of the inspector: *Provided, however*, that the
35 salaries of mine inspectors herein mentioned shall be for
36 the period ending June thirtieth, one thousand nine hun-
37 dred forty-nine.

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

Forest S. McNeer
Chairman Senate Committee

R. L. Matthews
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect July 1, 1947 passage.

Howard Meigs
Clerk of the Senate

Joseph
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Arnold W. Vickers
President of the Senate

John E. Amos
Speaker House of Delegates

The within Approved this the 13
day of March, 1947.

Robert M. Hodges
Governor.



Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State
of West Virginia. **MAR 13 1947**
Wm. S. O'Brien,
SECRETARY OF STATE