WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1937

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 99

(By Mr. Erhard)

PASSED March 13, 1937

In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact sections sixty-four and sixty-five, article two, chapter twenty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to explosives, preparation of explosives for shots, hauling explosives into the mine, and firing shots.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Article 2. Coal Mines

Section 64. Explosives; Preparation for Shots; Hauling

In no case shall more than one kind of explosive be used in the same drill hole, and every blasting
hole shall be tamped, except as is necessary to accomplish
cushion blasting, full from the explosive to the mouth, and
no coal dust or inflammable material shall be used for tamp-
ing. Cushion blasting shall not be allowed in any case unless
written permission is granted by the department of mines.
Dynamite shall not be used in blasting coal. No fuses or
squibs shall be used unless permission is granted by the de-
partment of mines, and in no case shall fuses be used of less
length than the drill hole.
Where permissible explosives are used the detonators and
explosives shall be kept separate; and no black powder, high
explosives or detonators shall be hauled on any trip operated
by electric haulage motors, unless inclosed in non-conducting
boxes approved by the department of mines.
Trips hauling explosives shall not carry workmen other
than those operating the trip, and explosives shall not be
hauled into or out of the mine within five minutes preceding
or following any trips in which men are handled; and when
traveling with air current, the explosive trip shall precede;
if against the air current, the main trip shall precede.

Sec. 65. Firing Shots. No shots shall be fired in any place
known to liberate explosive gas until such place has been properly examined by a competent person who is designated for that purpose, and no shots shall be fired in any place where gas is detected until such gas has been removed by means of ventilation. No person shall fire more than one shot at a time unless permitted by the department of mines, and after firing such shot or shots he shall not return to the working place until the smoke has been cleared away; and before starting to work he shall make a careful examination as to the condition of the roof, and do what is necessary to make the place safe before beginning to load coal.

I certify that the foregoing act, having been presented to the Governor for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of the Legislature in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the state, has become a law without his approval.

This the 19th day of March, 19--.

[Signature]

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

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the ..........................................................

Takes effect ........................................... passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within ........................................... this the ........

day of ........................................... , 1937.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia. MAR 19 1937

Wm. S. O'Brien,
Secretary of State