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REGULAR SESSION, 1945



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HOUSE BILL No. 293

(By Mr. Warden)



PASSED March 8 1945

In Effect July 1st 1945 Passage

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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 last amended, relating to the 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 last amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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 morale character and temperate habits,
4 shall have a practical knowledge of mining and the
5 proper ventilation and drainage of mines, and a knowl-
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7 edge of the gases met with in coal mines, and shall be a
8 miner of at least six years' experience in coal mines. A
9 diploma from any accredited school of mining engineer-
10 ing, or having otherwise been engaged as an employee
11 for six years within coal mines, shall qualify as two
12 years' experience. He shall not while in office be inter-
13 ested as owner, operator, stockholder, superintendent or
14 engineer of any coal mine. Before entering upon the
15 discharge of his duties he shall take the oath of office
16 prescribed by the constitution, and shall execute a bond
17 in the penalty of two thousand dollars, with security to
18 be approved by the governor, conditioned upon the faith-
19 ful discharge of his duty, a certificate of which oath and
20 which 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 four thousand one

28 hundred dollars per annum, and actual traveling ex-
29 penses; such salary to be fixed by the chief of the de-
30 partment of mines, and shall be based on the ability and
31 experience of the inspector: *Provided*, That before pay-
32 ment of such expenses shall be made to the inspector he
33 shall file an account of such expenses, verified by his
34 affidavit showing they accrued in the discharge of his
35 official duties: *Provided further*, That the salaries of
36 mine inspectors herein mentioned shall be for the period
37 ending June thirty, one thousand nine hundred forty-
38 seven.

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

Charles C Morris
Chairman Senate Committee

Jade Greeter Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House

Takes effect July 1, 1945 passage.

J. Howard Myers
Clerk of the Senate

J. R. Aliff
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Donald M. Vickens
President of the Senate

John E. Amos
Speaker House of Delegates

The within Approved this the 12th
day of March, 1945.

Clarence Meadows
Governor.



Filed in the office of the Secretary of State
of West Virginia **MAR 12 1945**

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State