WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1945

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 293

(By Mr. [Signature])

PASSED March 8, 1945

In Effect July 1, 1945  Passage
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 to the office of mine inspector shall be a citizen of West Virginia, of good morale character and temperate habits, shall have a practical knowledge of mining and the proper ventilation and drainage of mines, and a knowl-
edge of the gases met with in coal mines, and shall be a
miner of at least six years' experience in coal mines. A
diploma from any accredited school of mining engineer-
ing, or having otherwise been engaged as an employee
for six years within coal mines, shall qualify as two
years' experience. He shall not while in office be inter-
ested as owner, operator, stockholder, superintendent or
engineer of any coal mine. Before entering upon the
discharge of his duties he shall take the oath of office
prescribed by the constitution, and shall execute a bond
in the penalty of two thousand dollars, with security to
be approved by the governor, conditioned upon the faith-
ful discharge of his duty, a certificate of which oath and
which bond shall be filed in the office of the secretary
of state.

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

The salaries of mine inspectors shall not be less than
three thousand dollars nor more than four thousand one
hundred dollars per annum, and actual traveling expenses; such salary to be fixed by the chief of the department of mines, and shall be based on the ability and experience of the inspector: Provided, That before payment of such expenses shall be made to the inspector he shall file an account of such expenses, verified by his affidavit showing they accrued in the discharge of his official duties: Provided further, That the salaries of mine inspectors herein mentioned shall be for the period ending June thirty, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Charles C. Morris  
Chairman Senate Committee

(Date signature)

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House

Takes effect July 11, 1945, passage.

J. Howard Myers  
Clerk of the Senate

(J. W. Dickson)

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Donald M. Vickery  
President of the Senate

John E. Armad  
Speaker House of Delegates

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

W. W. Weddington  
Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia  
MAR 12, 1945  
Sec. S. O'Brien,  
Secretary of State.