WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1971

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HOUSE BILL No. 913

(By Mr. LAUICH)

PASSED MARCH 11, 1971

In Effect NINETY DAYS FROM PASSAGE
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article six, chapter twenty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to certification of coal miners, certificate of competency and qualification required of miners, apprentices, identification, and employment of apprentices.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article six, 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 6. CERTIFICATION OF COAL MINERS.

§22-6-1. Certificate of competency and qualification required of miners; apprentices; identification; employment of apprentices.

1 Except as hereinafter provided no person shall be em-
2 ployed or work as a coal miner in any mine in this
state, without first having obtained a certificate of competency and qualification.

Any miner holding a certificate may have one person working with him, and under his direction, as an apprentice, and any foreman, assistant foreman or mine examiner may have not more than five persons working with him and under his immediate supervision and direction, as apprentices, for the purpose of learning and being instructed in the duties and calling of mining.

Apprentice miners shall wear red hats which will identify them as being noncertified.

On and after the effective date of this article, no person shall be employed as an apprentice miner for a period in excess of eight months, except in the event of illness or injury, time extensions shall be permitted as established by the director of the department of mines.

For the purposes of this article the term “coal miner” or “miner” shall mean all underground workers in bituminous coal mines, except as hereinafter provided.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 1st day of April, 1971.

Governor
DATE: 3/17/71
THRU: 3:15 P.M.