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HOUSE BILL No. 2906...

(By Mr. Delegate Reid and Section )

Passed March 9, 1991

In Effect From Passage
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H. B. 2906
(By Delegates Reid and Staton)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fifty-five, article two, chapter twenty-two-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the protective equipment and clothing required to be worn by miners.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. UNDERGROUND MINES.

§22A-2-55. Protective equipment and clothing.

1. (a) Welders and helpers shall use proper shields or goggles to protect their eyes. All employees shall have approved goggles or shields and use the same where there is a hazard from flying particles, or other eye hazards.

2. (b) Employees engaged in haulage operations and all other persons employed around moving equipment on the surface and underground shall wear snug-fitting clothing.

3. (c) Protective gloves shall be worn when material which may injure hands is handled, but gloves with gauntletted cuffs shall not be worn around moving equipment.
(d) Safety hats and safety-toed shoes shall be worn by all persons while in or around a mine: Provided, That metatarsal guards shall not be required to be worn by persons when working in those areas of underground mine workings which average less than forty-eight inches in height as measured from the floor to the roof of the underground mine workings.

(e) Approved eye protection shall be worn by all persons while being transported in open-type man trips.

(f) A self-rescue device approved by the director shall be worn by each person underground or kept within his immediate reach, and such device shall be provided by the operator. The self-rescue device shall be adequate to protect such miner for one hour or longer. Each operator shall train each miner in the use of such device, and refresher training courses for all underground employees shall be held during each calendar year.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30th day of , 1991.

Governor