

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1991



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HOUSE BILL No. 2906

(By ~~Mr.~~ *Delegates Reid and Stator*)



Passed March 9, 1991

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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
2 goggles to protect their eyes. All employees shall have
3 approved goggles or shields and use the same where
4 there is a hazard from flying particles, or other eye
5 hazards.

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

10 (c) Protective gloves shall be worn when material
11 which may injure hands is handled, but gloves with
12 gauntleted cuffs shall not be worn around moving
13 equipment.

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14 (d) Safety hats and safety-toed shoes shall be worn by
15 all persons while in or around a mine: *Provided*, That
16 metatarsal guards shall not be required to be worn by
17 persons when working in those areas of underground
18 mine workings which average less than forty-eight
19 inches in height as measured from the floor to the roof
20 of the underground mine workings.

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

23 (f) A self-rescue device approved by the director shall
24 be worn by each person underground or kept within his
25 immediate reach, and such device shall be provided by
26 the operator. The self-rescue device shall be adequate to
27 protect such miner for one hour or longer. Each
28 operator shall train each miner in the use of such device,
29 and refresher training courses for all underground
30 employees shall be held during each calendar year.

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

James Heck
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Chairman Senate Committee

Ernest C. Middle
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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Darrell E. Palmer
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Clerk of the Senate

Donald G. Kopp
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Keith Buntlett
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President of the Senate

Bob Cole
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *20th*
day of *March*, 1991.

Walter D. Bland
.....
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date

3/18/91

Time

9:50 am