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SENATE BILL NO. 433

(By Senator Anderson, et al )



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### Senate Bill No. 433

(BY SENATORS ANDERSON, KESSLER, FANNING AND ROSS)

[Passed March 10, 2000; to take effect July 1, 2000.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article ten, chapter twenty-two-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to emergency medical personnel; requiring emergency medical personnel in coal mines; emergency medical technician-mining certification; and modifying the definitions of emergency medical services personnel.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section one, article ten, 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 10. EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL.**

##### **§22A-10-1. Emergency personnel in coal mines.**

- 1 (a) Emergency medical services personnel must be
- 2 employed on each shift at every mine that:
  - 3 (1) Employs more than ten employees; and
  - 4 (2) Has more than eight persons present on the shift.

5 The emergency medical services personnel must be  
6 employed at their regular duties at a central location or,  
7 when more than one person is required pursuant to the  
8 provisions of subsection (b) of this section, at a location  
9 which provides for convenient, quick response to emer-  
10 gency. The emergency medical services personnel must  
11 have available to them at all times such equipment  
12 prescribed by the director of the office of miners' health,  
13 safety and training, in consultation with the commissioner  
14 of the bureau of public health.

15 (b) After the first day of July, two thousand, emergency  
16 medical services personnel means any person certified by  
17 the commissioner of the bureau of public health or author-  
18 ities recognized and approved by the commissioner, to  
19 provide emergency medical services as authorized in  
20 article four-c chapter sixteen of this code and including  
21 emergency medical technician-mining. At least one  
22 emergency medical services personnel shall be employed  
23 at a mine for every fifty employees or any part thereof who  
24 are engaged at any time, in the extraction, production or  
25 preparation of coal.

26 (c) A training course designed specifically for certifica-  
27 tion of emergency medical technician-mining, shall be  
28 developed at the earliest practicable time by the commis-  
29 sioner of the bureau of public health in consultation with  
30 the board of miner training, education and certification.  
31 The training course for initial certification as an emer-  
32 gency medical technician-mining shall not be less than  
33 sixty hours, which shall include, but is not limited to, basic  
34 life support skills and emergency room observation or  
35 other equivalent practical exposure to emergencies as  
36 prescribed by the commissioner of the bureau of public  
37 health.

38 (d) The maintenance of a valid emergency medical  
39 technician-mining certificate may be accomplished  
40 without taking a three year recertification examination:

41 *Provided*, That the emergency medical technician-mining  
42 personnel completes an eight hour annual retraining and  
43 testing program prescribed by the commissioner of the  
44 bureau of public health in consultation with the board of  
45 miner training, education and certification.

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

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes Effect July 1, 2000.

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