

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1921.

An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912; to make provision for change-houses and baths at coke works; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1921," and shall be construed with the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, herein referred to as the Principal Act. Short title.

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2. This Act shall come into force on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. Commencement.

3. General rule forty-three of section fifty-four of the Principal Act is omitted, and the following general Repeal of general rule 43, and insertion of new general rules.
5 rules are inserted in lieu thereof :—

Rule 43. Suitable sanitary conveniences shall be Sanitation.
provided underground in every mine wherever
a group of four or more persons is employed ;
and the pattern, situation, and mode of
10 cleansing such conveniences shall be to the
satisfaction of an inspector, and every such
convenience shall be kept in a sanitary con-
dition and shall be removed and emptied not
less than twice in each week. The position of
15 every place of convenience shall be agreed
upon by the inspector of the district and the
check inspector and shall be indicated by
having the roof and sides regularly coated
with lime-washing.

Rule 44. (a) The owner, agent, or manager shall Change-houses and baths.
20 provide above ground and near to the principal
entrance of the mine (but not in the engine-
house or boiler-house) sufficient change-houses
and baths to enable the persons employed in
25 or about the mine to change and dry their
clothes and wash themselves, and so that there
shall be one bath for every four persons
ordinarily employed at the mine, with separate
accommodation for youths under the age of
30 nineteen years.

(b) The plans and specifications of the
change-houses and baths to be erected shall
be furnished by the owner, agent, or manager
35 for the approval of the inspector of the dis-
trict and of a check-inspector appointed by
the persons employed in or about the mine to
act with the said inspector : Provided that if
the inspector and the check-inspector, or either
40 of them, give notice of approval subject to
certain conditions, or disapproval for reasons
indicated, and the owner, agent, or manager
declines

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declines to remedy the matter complained of in such notice, reference shall be made to the chief inspector, whose decision shall be binding on the owner, agent, or manager.

5 (c) Such change-houses shall be supplied with hot and cold water, and while in use the temperature in every such house shall be maintained at not less than seventy-six degrees Fahrenheit, and suitable apparatus to be
10 approved as aforesaid shall be provided for drying clothes :

15 Provided, however, that where it is mutually agreed between the owner, agent, or manager and the representative of the union of the employees, the Minister may grant exemption from the operation of this rule, in respect of such mine.

4. The Principal Act is further amended by the insertion, after section fifty-four, of the following new
20 section :—

54A. (1) The owner or manager of any coke works shall provide at a convenient place on the site of operations (but not in the engine-house or boiler-house) sufficient change-houses and baths to
25 enable the persons employed at the coke works to change and dry their clothes and wash themselves, and so that there may be one bath for every four persons ordinarily employed at the mine, with separate accommodation for youths under the age
30 of nineteen years.

(2) The plans and specifications of the change-houses and baths to be erected shall be furnished by the owner or manager for the approval of the inspector of the district and of a representative appointed by the persons employed at the coke works to act with the said inspector: Provided that
35 if the inspector and the person so appointed, or either of them, give notice of approval subject to certain conditions, or disapproval for reasons indicated, and the owner or manager declines to remedy
40 the matter complained of in such notice, reference shall

New section added after s. 54.

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shall be made to the chief inspector, whose decision shall be binding on the owner or manager and the person so appointed.

5 (3) Such change-houses shall be supplied with hot and cold water, and while in use the temperature in every such house shall be maintained at not less than seventy-six degrees Fahrenheit, and suitable apparatus to be approved as aforesaid shall be provided for drying clothes :

10 Provided, however, that where it is mutually agreed between the owner, agent, or manager and the representative of the union of the employees, the Minister may grant exemption from the operation of this section in respect of such works.

15 (4) The inspector shall have power to make such examination and inquiry as may be necessary to ascertain whether the provisions of this section have been complied with in the case of any coke works, and to enter, inspect, and examine such
20 change-houses and baths at all reasonable times.

(5) Any person who wilfully obstructs an
inspector in the execution of the duties hereby
imposed, and any owner or manager of any coke
works who refuses or neglects to comply with the
25 provisions of this section, shall be guilty of an
offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty
pounds, and where any such offence is continued
after conviction therefor, to a further penalty not
30 exceeding five pounds for every day during which
any such offence is so continued.