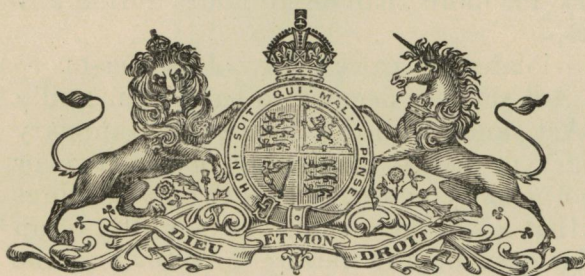


*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber, )  
Sydney, 12 November, 1912. }*

*RICHD. A. ARNOLD,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

## New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1912.

An Act to regulate the hours of labour and the hours below ground for persons employed in coal and shale mines; to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

**B**E 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:—

5 **1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the "Coal Mines Eight Hours Act, 1912." Short title.

(2) This Act shall apply to mines of coal and mines of shale.

(3) In this Act—

10 "Mine" includes every shaft in the course of being sunk, and every level and inclined plane in the course of being driven, and all the shafts, levels, planes, works, tramways and sidings, both below ground and above ground, in and adjacent to, and belonging to the mine.

*Coal Mines Eight Hours.*

**2.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, on and after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, the period of employment of workmen and boys in all coal or shale mines shall not be more than eight hours, during each or any day of twenty-four hours, except in cases of emergency where life or property is in imminent danger.

Limitation of hours of employment.

**3.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, a workman employed in a mine shall not be below ground for the purposes of his work and of going to and from his work for more than eight hours during any 10 consecutive twenty-four hours.

Hours of workmen beneath the surface.

**4.** Any person, who violates or causes any other person to violate the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have been guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable, on summary conviction before a stipendiary or police magistrate or any two or 15 more justices of the peace, to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings for each offence: Provided that a workman shall not be guilty of an offence under this Act in the case of any failure to return to the surface within the time limited by this Act if he proves that, without 20 owing to means not being available for the purpose.

Penalty for violating provisions of Act.

Proviso.