

*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,  
Sydney, 19 September, 1916.*

## New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1916.

An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913 ; 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 :—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Coal Mines Short title. Regulation (Amending) Act, 1916."

In this Act the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, as amended by the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913, is referred to as the Principal Act.

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- 2.** The following subsection is inserted next after subsection four of section four of the Principal Act :— Amendment of s. 4.
- 5** (5) No person shall act as manager for more than one mine in which more than twenty persons are employed underground at the same time except in the case of mines in the same district belonging to the same owner. Manager not to act for more than one mine.
- 10** **3.** Section 5A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “and in which safety-lamps are used” in subsection one of that section, and by adding the following subsections :— Amendment of s. 5A.
- 15** (3) The certificate as to eyesight shall be renewed at least once in each period of five years after the grant of a certificate of service or competency as a deputy, and such renewed certificate shall be produced to an inspector on demand. Certificate of eyesight to be renewed.
- 20** (4) The district and the amount of work assigned to a deputy shall not be of such extent and quantity as to prevent him from carrying out all his statutory duties in a thorough manner. Limitation of deputy's district and work.
- 25** (5) Any question of disputes respecting deputies' duties may be referred for determination to any mining disputes tribunal in the district in which the question arises, or if no such tribunal exists, through the inspector to the Minister for Mines.
- 30** **4.** Section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the word “deputy” after the word “under-manager” where secondly occurring in such section and after the word “under-manager” in paragraphs (b), (d), (f), and (g). Amendment of s. 15.
- 35** **5.** Sections seventeen and twenty of the Principal Act are amended by inserting the word “deputy” after the word “under-manager” where that word occurs in such sections. Amendment of ss. 17 & 20.
- 40** **6.** Subsection one of section twenty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by inserting at the end of paragraph (c) of such subsection “and to report to the Minister upon all or any of such matters.” Inspectors to report to Minister.
- 7.** The following new sections are inserted next after section thirty-two of the Principal Act :— New s. 32A of Principal Act.
- 32A. (1) The Minister may appoint duly qualified persons to be check-inspectors on behalf of the persons employed in or about mines. Check-inspectors. cf. General Rule 39.
- (2)

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5 (2) Every candidate for appointment as  
check-inspector shall be nominated by a majority  
ascertained by ballot of the persons employed in  
the mines in the district defined as hereinafter  
provided, and shall be the holder of a first-class  
certificate as manager or a second-class certificate  
as under-manager granted under this Act, or shall  
10 have had not less than five years' experience as an  
inspector under general rule thirty-nine of section  
fifty-four of this Act.

(3) The Minister may by notice in the  
Gazette define districts or groups of mines, and  
appoint check-inspectors to such districts or groups  
of mines.

15 (4) Every check-inspector shall be appointed  
for such period, not exceeding two years, as the  
Minister may determine, but shall be eligible for  
re-appointment, and shall be paid a salary at such  
rate not exceeding three hundred pounds per annum,  
20 as may be provided by Parliament.

32B. (1) Every check-inspector shall have the  
same powers, and shall be afforded the same  
facilities for inspection, and shall be required to  
make the same reports, as are respectively provided  
25 in relation to inspectors on behalf of workmen by  
general rule thirty-nine of section fifty-four of this  
Act.

(2) Any check-inspector who, without the  
30 consent of the owner of the mine, divulges or makes  
known to any person, except as a witness in a court  
of justice, any information obtained by him in the  
discharge of his duties respecting any matter con-  
nected with any mine, other than information as to  
the safety of the mine and appliances, shall be  
35 liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and  
shall be dismissed from his office.

8. Subsection two of section thirty-five is amended  
by inserting "or a check-inspector" next after the word  
"Act", and by inserting "check-inspector" next after  
40 "inspector" secondly in such subsection appearing.

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**9.** The following section is inserted next after section fifty-three:— New section  
53A.

*Prevention of coal dust.*

- 5 53A. (1) In every mine where the floor, or roof, or sides of the roads are dry and dusty,— Prevention of  
coal dust.
- (a) arrangements shall be made to prevent, as far as practicable, the conveyance of coal dust in dangerous quantities from the surface by the intake air into the underground roadways.
- 10 (b) the tops of all full coal tubs shall, where practicable, be sprayed with water in the course of their transit to the shaft or tunnel mouth ;
- (c) all accumulations of coal-dust shall be either periodically watered so as to be kept in a permanently damp state, or treated by admixture with incombustible stone-dust, so as to maintain such an excess of incombustible matter in the mixed dust as will prevent explosion, or treated by some other method approved of by the Chief Inspector of Mines ;
- 15 (d) the existence of coal dust in any mine in such quantities as to be dangerous in the opinion of an inspector shall constitute a cause of danger of which notice may be given under the provisions of section twenty-eight of this Act.

**10.** General rule twelve of section fifty-four of the Principal Act is amended as follows:— Amendment  
of s. 54.  
General rule 12.

- (a) By inserting next after paragraph (e):—
- 30 (e) (ii) All holes shall be charged and fired under the supervision of the shot-firer, and no person shall be appointed to act as a short-firer in a mine in which safety lamps are used unless he is the holder of a third-class certificate of fitness or service as deputy. Shot-firer to  
supervise and  
hold certifi-  
cate.
- 35 (b) In paragraph (f) by omitting the words "except by or under the direction of a competent person appointed by the owner, agent, or manager of the mine, and such person shall not fire the shot or allow it to be fired until he", and by inserting "until the shot-firer"

(c)

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- (c) In paragraph (g) (i) by omitting "a competent person appointed as aforesaid", and by inserting "the shot-firer"
- 5 (d) By omitting paragraphs (m) and (n) and inserting the following paragraphs in lieu thereof:—
- (m) Neither gunpowder nor any other explosive which is not on the list of permitted explosives in force for the time being shall be used in any ventilating district of a mine in which inflammable gas has been found within the previous three months.
- 10 (n) No explosive shall be taken or used in any mine or part of a mine in which naked lights are prohibited, except explosives provided by the owner; and the price (if any) charged by the owner to the workman for any explosives so provided shall not exceed the actual net cost to the owner.
- 15 (e) By the addition of the following paragraph:—
- 20 (o) The owner of a mine shall, at the request of the persons employed therein, let on lease or sell to such employees or some person on their behalf an area of land sufficient to provide for the erection of a suitable magazine for the storage of explosives. Magazine for storage of explosives.
- 25 **11.** General rule forty-three of section fifty-four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "where any nuisance can be shown to exist." Amendment of s. 54.
- 30 **12.** The following general rules are added to section fifty-four of the Principal Act:— Changing houses.
- Rule 44.* (a) If more than four persons are employed in one shift below ground in any mine a changing-house shall be provided above ground near the principal entrance of the mine (but not in the engine-house or boiler-house) sufficient to enable the persons employed in the mine to conveniently dry and change their clothes; in no case shall any person be allowed to change his clothes upon a boiler.
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- (b)

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- (b) The owner, agent, or manager shall, <sup>Baths.</sup>  
upon receipt of a notice in writing from the  
Minister, provide to the satisfaction of the  
chief inspector a supply of hot and cold  
5 water and suitable basins and baths for the  
use of the persons employed in the mine.  
Every changing-house shall be warmed  
during the winter months, and shall be  
10 provided with steam pipes or other suitable  
appliances upon which the wet clothes of  
the persons employed can be dried.
- Rule 45.* All pit tops and screens shall be <sup>Pit tops and  
screens to be  
covered.</sup>  
properly covered to protect the workmen  
from the inclemency of the weather.
- 15 *Rule 46.* Suitable trappers shall be provided at <sup>Trappers to  
be provided.</sup>  
all doors to wheeling roads.
- Rule 47.* A supply of pure drinking water <sup>Supply of  
drinking  
water.</sup>  
sufficient for the needs of the men employed  
shall be provided on each working flat in  
20 the mine.
- Rule 48.* All horses working in a mine shall be <sup>Inspection of  
horses.</sup>  
periodically inspected by a competent person.
- 13.** The following section is inserted next after <sup>New s. 56A.</sup>  
section 56A of the Principal Act :—
- 25 56B. In every mine opened after the thirty-first <sup>Travelling  
roads.</sup>  
day of December, one thousand nine hundred and  
sixteen, and required by this Act to be under the  
control of a certificated manager, a travelling road  
shall be provided. Such travelling road—
- 30 (a) shall also be an intake airway ;  
(b) shall not be less than six feet in height  
and six feet in width ;  
(c) shall be maintained in such condition as  
to afford a ready means of ingress to and  
35 egress from the workings ;  
(d) shall not be used for the haulage of coal ;  
and  
(e) shall be kept reasonably clear of dust,  
40 mud, or water to the satisfaction of an  
inspector.

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**14.** Section eight of the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913, is amended—

Amendment  
of s. 8 of the  
Amending  
Act, No. 11  
of 1913.

- 5 (a) by omitting the words "sections fifteen, seventeen, and twenty of the Principal Act are amended" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended"; and
- 10 (b) by omitting the words "in such sections" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in such section."

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