

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$92,826	\$91,760
Special Funds	6,690	7,360
	\$99,516	\$99,120

BUREAU OF MINES

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The first Mine Inspectors were appointed by the Governor in 1878 to serve in Allegany and Garrett counties. These inspectors functioned independently, reporting only to the Governor, until 1916, when they were placed within the Board of Labor and Statistics. The inspection powers became a function of the Bureau of Mines upon its organization in 1922 as a unit of the Department of Labor and Statistics. When the Board of Natural Resources was organized in 1941, the Bureau was transferred to the newly-created Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources. The Director of the Bureau is appointed by the Governor from a list of eligible persons certified by the State Employment Commissioner. The Bureau of Mines inspects all mines within the State for proper sanitation, ventilation, and safety standards in all mining operations. All persons or corporations engaging in open-pit or strip mining operations are required to register with the Bureau before starting operations and to report periodically during such operations. Effective June 1, 1955, all strip-mining operators must obtain a permit from the Bureau, pay a filing fee of \$200, and furnish bond at \$100 per acre, said bond to be released when acreage has been backfilled and meets with the approval of the Director of the Bureau. The Bureau of Mines examines all applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. It conducts classes in mining operations throughout the western part of the State and furnishes training in gas detection to men applying for first-class certificates and fire boss certificates of competency. This work is being done in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Mines (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 478-648R).

Mine Examining Board

Chairman: Frank J. Powers

Ellis Ellifritz, Miners; Arthur P. Hoffa, Sr., Operators

The Mine Examining Board consists of the Director of the Bureau of Mines, who also acts as Chairman of the Board, and two persons appointed by the Governor, one representing the miners and the other the operators. Each appointee serves until his successor is appointed and qualifies. The Board examines applicants for the rating of first-class mine foreman and fire-boss and issues "certificates of competency" to each successful applicant upon payment of the stipulated fee. (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 478-648R).

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$48,021	\$53,128
Staff: 7.		