

1922, ch. 307, sec. 60.

61. Every such operator shall assist the Bureau and its officers in making any proper inspection or investigation, and shall promptly execute every proper order made under the provisions of this sub-title; and whenever any such operator shall wilfully neglect or refuse to obey any such order, or shall interfere with or hinder such Bureau or any of its inspectors or agents in the proper discharge of their duties, such willful neglect, refusal, interference or hindrance shall constitute a misdemeanor.

CHAPTER VIII—*Mine Foremen and Assistants.*

1922, ch. 307, sec. 61.

62. In order to secure efficient management and proper ventilation of the mines, to promote the health and safety of the persons employed therein, and to protect and preserve the property connected therewith, the operator of any coal mine in this State shall employ a competent and practical mine foreman for every mine where ten or more persons are employed, who shall have charge of such mine under the supervision and control of such operator. If such mine is gaseous, such mine foreman must possess a first-class mine foreman's certificate of competency, or a service certificate of equal grade. If the mine is not gaseous, such mine foreman must possess either a first-class or a second-class certificate of competency or a service certificate of equal grade.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 62.

63. Whenever the mine workings become so extensive that the mine foreman is unable personally to discharge his duties, the operator shall employ a sufficient number of competent persons as assistants, who shall have like qualifications with the mine foreman; provided, that whenever any exigency arises whereby it is impossible for any operator to secure the immediate services of a certified man, he may employ any trustworthy and experienced man as mine foreman or assistant mine foreman for a period not exceeding thirty days, and in the event that no person possessing a certificate of competency, satisfactory to such operator, can be found to fill the position, then the Chief Mine Engineer may grant a temporary certificate to some person satisfactory to such operator whom such Chief Mine Engineer may deem qualified, who may fill the position until thirty days from and after the next meeting of the Examining Board held for the purpose of granting certificates of competency.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 63.

64. The mine foreman shall devote his entire time to his duties, when the mine is in operation; and shall, subject to the supervision and control of the operator thereof, have charge of the inside workings of such mine and of all persons therein employed; and he shall see that all applicable provisions of this sub-title and regulations thereunder are strictly obeyed. For such purpose, such mine foreman shall, personally or by his assistant—