

man or fire boss who shall knowingly permit the same to be done, or workmen who shall so offend, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 125.

126. The operator shall immediately notify the district mine inspector upon the discovery of any large body of explosive gas in any mine, whether explosions have occurred or not; and shall direct and see that steps are immediately taken to remove such gas, by properly directed air currents carrying adequate ventilation up to the faces from which the gas exudes, or by other appropriate means. No open flame shall be permitted in the affected portion of such mine, and full precautions against accidents shall be taken.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 126.

127. The mine foreman shall see that every mine generating explosive gas is kept free of standing gas in working places or roadways. Unless securely and safely sealed, under regulation of the Bureau, any accumulation of explosive or noxious gas shall be removed from worked-out or abandoned portions of any mine as soon as possible after its discovery; and until such gases have been removed no person who may be endangered by the presence of such gases and who is not engaged in removing the same, shall be allowed to remain in the affected portion of such mine. All dangerous places and the entrances to worked-out and abandoned parts of such mines wherein gas may accumulate shall be properly fenced off and danger signals posted thereon.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 127.

128. Employees shall immediately notify the mine foreman upon discovery of explosive or noxious gases, and shall see that no gas blowers are left burning upon leaving their working places. If gas is ignited by a blast or otherwise, such employee shall immediately extinguish the same, or if unable to do so, shall notify the mine foreman; and failure to give such notice shall be a misdemeanor.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 128.

129. Whenever any working of a coal mine approaches a place suspected to contain any accumulation of explosive gases, or whenever a mine has been found to be gaseous, no light or lamp other than an approved safety lamp or other light approved shall be allowed or used.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 129.

130. Whenever safety lamps are required to be used in any mine, such lamps shall be provided by the operator for maintenance and use of which actual cost may be charged; and of such lamps a quantity one-fourth larger than may be in immediate use shall always be kept on hand, ready for use. A competent person shall be appointed to examine every such safety lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use, who shall ascertain that such lamp is clean, safe and secure before it is used.