

1922, ch. 307, sec. 130.

131. No safety lamp shall be entrusted to any person for use in a mine, until said person has given satisfactory evidence to the mine foreman that he understands the proper use, and the danger of tampering with the same. No one, except a person authorized, shall have in his possession any key or other instrument for unlocking any safety lamp, while within any gaseous mine. Any person found, while within any such mine, to have any such key or other instrument for unlocking any safety lamp, or found opening or tampering with or to have tampered with any such lamp, or to have matches or any unauthorized lighting device in his possession, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and any operator or any person by such operator authorized, who shall fail to supply properly cleaned, safe and safely secured safety lamps for use in such mine whenever necessary, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; *Provided*, that this shall not prohibit the use of a flame in the intake air only, for the purpose of making necessary repairs to machinery or wires, when in charge of persons authorized to do such work.

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132. The mine foreman, whenever in his opinion the mine is becoming dangerous from accumulations of gas, and additional ventilation is required, beyond the capacity of the ventilating equipment, shall notify the district mine inspector, who shall make an immediate personal examination, and if such inspector finds that the ventilating equipment is insufficient, he shall by special safety order require the operator to provide adequate equipment, and if necessary to make additional openings from the surface, or bore holes to furnish a vent in the case of gas accumulations.

CHAPTER XIX—*Fire Bosses.*

1922, ch. 307, sec. 132.

133. The operator of every gaseous mine shall employ a sufficient number of fire bosses, each of whom shall satisfy the operator of his competency, and shall have first obtained a certificate of competency from the Examining Board, as hereinbefore provided. Such fire boss shall carefully examine, before each shift enters the mine, every working place, all places adjacent to live workings, every roadway, every unfenced road to abandoned workings, and falls in the mine, the entrance to worked-out portions of such mine, adjacent to roadways and working places under his charge, within which accumulations of explosive gas may gather; and at each working place such fire boss shall mark the date and his initials upon the face. He shall note the air at every such point, and shall see whether the air currents are traveling their proper course; and wherever he finds explosive gas or other danger, he shall either fence off the dangerous locality or place warning signals across the passage way, ordering all persons not to enter.