

servation of property within, about, or in connection with bituminous coal mines or strippings in this State, and for that purpose shall make, publish and enforce necessary rules and regulations after due notice given. The duty heretofore imposed upon the Commissioner of Labor Statistics by the third paragraph of Section 2 of this Article to collect information in regard to the mineral products and the output of mines of this State, is hereby limited to the Bureau.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 24. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 23.

23. The Bureau shall compile, publish and distribute to persons interested the mining laws and rules and regulations pertaining thereto. The Bureau shall carefully keep a record of all inspections and investigations, and copies of all official communications and records of all work done; and preserve all reports, statistics and information received relating to the development of coal or other mining or to the enforcement of this sub-title.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 25. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 24.

24. The Bureau shall annually, to the 31st day of December in each year, prepare, publish and distribute a report showing the development of mining throughout the State, setting forth statistical and operative facts, with information as to the development of and progress of coal and other mining, including care to protect and promote the health and safety of mine employees, the methods used to conserve the economic value of the minerals of the State, and the work accomplished during the year by the Bureau and its officers; and may make recommendations for such changes or improvements as may tend to protect persons engaged in mining or conserve the minerals of the State. The reasonable cost of such report shall be provided by the Governor in the Budget.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 26. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 25.

25. The Bureau shall assist and encourage all reasonable efforts to improve mining methods and conditions, with a view to discovering better ways of protecting life and health, extending the serviceable use of instrumentalities, and promoting the prosperity of the industry by reducing waste of natural resources and promoting economy in mining; and shall diligently compile, statistically analyze and compare all available data regarding coal or other mining processes and operations and advise persons engaged in such industry.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 27. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 26.

26. The Chief Mine Engineer shall prepare and compile all blanks, forms or other uniform methods employed for obtaining data or to be used in making out reports, necessary in the proper discharge of the duties of the Bureau. He shall direct and supervise the field and office work of the Bureau and of all inspectors or other employees thereof, subject to the control of the Commissioner. He shall require diligence, and prompt reports upon all services required of them by law or regulation.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 28. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 27.

27. The Chief Mine Engineer is hereby authorized to institute in the name of the State, proceedings to enforce any provision of this sub-