

lessee or individual so mining, and shall be at all times accessible to the said inspector for reference only.

1878, ch. 157.

**156.** The owner, lessee or agent of every coal mine that may now or hereafter be in operation in the said counties of Garrett or Allegany, whether worked by slope, shaft or draft, shall provide and establish for every such mine a proper system of pure air ventilation by such modes as are now in use in the coal mines of Garrett and Allegany counties, which said ventilation shall be maintained through every working heading throughout the entire mine, so as to expel from said mines the noxious gases and impure air, and thus keep the entire mine in a healthful condition for the men working therein, and free from danger to their lives from such impure air and gases.

Ibid.

**157.** To secure the proper ventilation of every coal mine in the counties of Garrett and Allegany, and to provide for the health and safety of the men employed therein, the owner, lessee or agent of each mine shall employ a competent and practical inside overseer, whose duty it shall be to keep a careful watch over all the ventilating apparatus that may be placed in said mine, as well as all the air-ways, all the traveling-ways, and all the timberings, and to see that all loose coal and rocks overhead are carefully secured against falling upon any of the miners engaged at work therein, as they advance in their excavations; and it shall be the duty of the inside overseer so employed to take charge of and keep a careful watch over all things connected with and appertaining to the safety of the men at work in the mine, and to report to the owner, lessee or agent of said mine when and where anything under his charge is unfit for mining purposes; and it shall also be the duty of the inside overseer so employed to take charge of and pay strict attention to all the air doors used in the ventilation of said mines; and all air doors used in the ventilation of said mines shall be suspended in such a manner that they will close of their own accord.

Ibid.

**158.** The owner, lessee or agent of every mine in operation in the said counties of Garrett and Allegany shall furnish at