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With the following proposed amendments :

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

In title, line 1, strike out all after the words "an Act" and insert the following :

"To repeal the Act of January Session, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, Chapter one hundred and seventy-three, entitled an Act regulating the working and proper ventilation of coal mines in Allegany and Garrett Counties, and providing for the appointment of an inspector for said mines, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Act of January Session, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "an Act regulating the working and proper ventilation of coal mines in Allegany and Garrett Counties, and providing for the appointment of an inspector for said mines," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint one Mine Inspector for the counties of Allegany and Garrett, who shall hold his office for two years from the date of his appointment.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall be eligible to the office of Mine Inspector until he shall have attained the age of thirty-five years, and shall possess a competent knowledge of all the different systems of mining and working, and properly ventilating coal mines, and the nature and constituent parts of noxious gases of mines, and of the various ways of expelling the same from said mines.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That before entering upon and discharging the duties of his office, said Inspector of Mines shall take an oath to faithfully discharge the duties hereinafter set forth, in an impartial manner, and for the faithful performance of his duties, the said Mine Inspector shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, which said salary shall be paid out of the State's money by a warrant of the Comptroller upon the State Treasurer for the same.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said Mine Inspector to carefully examine all mines that may be in operation in the Counties of Allegany and Garrett, at least once in every month, and oftener, if necessary, to see that every precaution is taken to insure safety to all work-