

mines employing less than ten persons from the provisions of this sub-title and placing Fire Clay Mines under the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 17 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Statistics and Information", sub-title "Bureau of Mines", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

17. For the purposes of this sub-title, the terms and definitions contained herein shall be held, construed and understood as follows:

Approved: Unless the context requires a different sense, the word "approved" means and refers to approbation evidenced by a written certificate or official letter of the Bureau, approving a device, plan, formula, method, machine or course of action.

Approved Equipment means equipment admitted by the Bureau to its approved lists under Bureau regulations after tests satisfying such Bureau that such equipment is safe and is adapted to its intended use.

Authorized person means any person commissioned by an official in charge in or at a mine to perform certain prescribed duties under his authority.

Communication Device means any device employed to transmit intelligence, instructions or warning to persons not present.

Crosscut means a passage driven to connect adjacent parallel entries or rooms. The term is synonymous with "cut-through" and between rooms, when driven wide is synonymous with "break-through".

Drift means a horizontal passage-way, or level, or gangway, driven from the surface outcrop into the coal bed.

Duty as applied to a machine or device, means the particular service in which such machine or device is being employed or intended to be employed.

Electric Circuit means all conductors, including ground returns, furnishing energy to or receiving energy from electric apparatus.

Electric System means all apparatus and circuits receiving electric energy or that may receive electric energy from a common source. Where the source of power is under control of the mine, such source of power will be considered as a part of the electric system. If power is obtained from a central station not under control of such mine, the phrase shall refer only to that part of the system which is under control of such mine.