

in the working of said mines, and as the miners employed to work therein proceed with the working of their excavations it shall be the duty of the owner, lessee or agent of said mines, to furnish a sufficient quantity of props and timber of suitable character at the place in the heading, room, cross-cut or other excavation in the mines where the miners are at work, and the owners, lessee or agent operating any such mine shall, at their own expense, properly timber any headings, rooms, pillars or other excavations, not recently worked, and lay uproads, by contract or otherwise, to and in the same, previous to the miners starting new or farther work or excavations therein; and said owner, lessee or agent shall construct each heading hereinafter driven in every mine of sufficient width and height, with at least two feet and a half of room on the break side of such heading, or if no brakes be used, then upon some given side of such heading, so as to admit of the passage of the drivers who may be engaged in driving along said heading; and it shall be the duty of every agent, lessee, owner, operator, weighmaster, mining boss, overseer, roadsman, driver, miner or any other person working or engaged in any employment whatever, in or about the said mines in said Allegany and Garrett counties, or tram roads or incline planes leading therefrom, to observe all practical care, caution and prudence in the work in which they may be engaged so that all lives, health and safety of themselves and their co-laborers, and the property of the owners in and about said mines, may be protected so far as practicable, consistent with the dangerous character of the work, from loss and injury; and it shall be the duty of all miners engaged in any of the said mines to carefully prop and timber all rooms, headings and other excavations wherein they may be working, as close up to their work as may be reasonably practicable, so as to guard, as far as practicable, against all accidents from fall of roof, side or breast, coal or slate, earth or other surrounding matter; and any minor or other person employed or working in or about said mines who shall be guilty of any willful negligence in respect of any of the matters specified in this section whereby the lives, health or safety of any co-laborers in and about any of said mines or any of the property of the owners in or about said mines may be lost, destroyed or injured, or unnecessarily jeopardized, shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction to be fined as hereinafter provided; and whenever in any case it shall be brought to the notice of the Mine Inspector that any person is violating any of the provisions of this section, he shall at once order such person to take immediate steps to secure the safety of the person or property so jeopardized, and in case the refusal of any person

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