

adits, drifts or inclined planes connected with excavations penetrating coal stratum or strata, which excavations are ventilated by one general air current or divisions thereof, and connected by one general system of mine railroads over which coal may be delivered to one or more common points outside the mine when such is operated by one operator.

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tion.

Sub-Section A. The term "excavations and workings" includes all the excavated parts of a mine, those abandoned as well as the places actually being worked, also all underground workings and shafts, tunnels and other ways and openings, all such shafts, slopes, tunnels and other openings in the course of being sunk or driven, together with all roads, appliances, machinery and material connected with the same below the surface.

Sub-Section B. The term "shaft" means a vertical opening through the strata, and which is or may be used for the purpose of ventilation or drainage, or for hoisting men or material, or both, in connection with the mining of coal.

Sub-Section C. The term "slope" means an incline way or opening used for the same purpose as a shaft.

Sub-Section D. The term "operator" means any firm, corporation or individual operating any coal mine or part thereof.

Sub-Section E. The term "superintendent" means the person who shall have, on behalf of the operator, immediate supervision of one or more mines.

Sub-Section F. The provision of this Act shall not apply to any mine employing less than ten persons in any one period of twenty-four hours.

Sub-Section G. It shall be the duty of the Mine Inspector to make as to the clay or fire-clay mines in Allegany or Garrett counties, the examinations and reports required as to coal mines under section 197 of Article 1 and section 151 of Article 12 of this Act, and to make recommendations to the Governor as to the legislation requisite to protect life and health in such clay mines.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 24, 1902.

#### CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT to add four additional Sections to Article 14 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Bills of Lading, Storage and Elevator Receipts," said Sections to be known as Sections 1 A, 1 B 1 c, and 1 D, respectively.