

ments; and sections 150, 151, 153 and 164P of Article Number Twelve of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Garrett County," sub-title "Manufactures and Mines," be and the same hereby are repealed and re-enacted with amendments; said sections as so re-enacted to read as follows:

Section 196 of Article 1 and Section 150 of Article 12. That the State Board of Labor and Statistics, with the approval of the Governor shall 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. No person shall be eligible to the office of Mine Inspector until he shall have attained the age of thirty years. He shall possess a competent and a practical knowledge of the different systems of mining and properly ventilating coal mines in said counties, and the nature and constituent parts of the various gases found in coal mines, and of the various ways of expelling the same from said mines and shall have had five years' practical experience as a miner in one or both counties combined next immediately preceding his appointment, and shall receive such annual salary as the Board, with the approval of the Governor, may deem proper. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office the said Mine Inspector shall take the oath provided in the Constitution of the State and shall give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with sureties to be approved by the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Maryland. Said Mine Inspector while in office shall not be interested in the operation of any mine or act as land agent, superintendent or manager of any mine; and it shall be his duty to make a report to the State Board of Labor and Statistics of his proceedings in office and to set forth in such reports all such information that may be proper or beneficial, and also to make such recommendations and suggestions as he may consider important as to legislation on the subject of mining.

Section 197 of Article 1 and Section 151 of Article 12. Said Mine Inspector shall devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It shall be his duty to examine each mine in said counties as often as possible, but a longer period of time than two months shall not elapse between said examination, to see that all the provisions of this Act are observed and strictly carried out, and he shall make a record of all examinations of mines, showing the condition in which he finds them, especially with reference to ventilation and drainage,