

persons are employed, who possesses a first class mine foreman's certificate of competency, shall have charge of such mine under the supervision and control of such operator. And in mines employing seven or less persons the operator of such mine shall himself hold or shall employ a person who shall hold a permit of competency issued by the Director of the Bureau of Mines as provided for in this Article; however, in non-gassy mines employing eight or more persons it shall not be necessary that the mine foreman possess a first class mine foreman's certificate of competency as herein provided until on and after June 1, 1950, provided, however, such foreman must possess either a first class or second class certificate of competency issued prior to the effective date of this Act between the effective date of this Act and June 1, 1950. And in the case of a mine employing seven or less persons it shall not be necessary for the operator to hold or to employ the holder of a permit issued by the Director of the Bureau of Mines as provided for herein until on and after June 1, 1950.

63. Whenever the mine workings become so extensive that the Mine Foreman is unable personally to discharge his duties, the operator shall employ a sufficient number of competent persons or assistants who shall have like qualifications with the Mine Foreman; provided, that whenever any emergency arises whereby it is impossible for any operator to secure the immediate services of a certified or qualified man, he may employ any qualified and experienced man as Mine Foreman or Assistant Mine Foreman for a period not exceeding thirty days, subject to the approval of the Bureau of Mines.

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(a) Visit each working place once each day while the employees are at work, to see that each place is properly timbered, drained, secured, and reasonably safe; that a sufficient supply of timber and other facilities is on hand ready for use; that all loose coal or other dangerous material is taken down or secured, especially upon traveling ways and airways; that standing water is drained from passageways and working places; that explosive and noxious gases and dangerous accumulations of dust are removed; that rock dusting is properly done and that in general the ventilation, stopings, doors, timbering, drainage, equipment, electrical installations, traveling and air ways, trackage and other mine works and ways are in good working order and in reasonably safe condition.