- 73. Any person who shall intentionally or carelessly injure any safety lamp, instrument, air course or brattice, or without authority handle, remove or damage any fencing, means of signalling, apparatus or machinery, or shall obstruct or throw open airways, or enter a place in or about any mine against caution, or carry fire, open lights, matches, pipes or other smokers' articles in gassy mines, or open any door the opening of which is forbidden, or disobey any order given in carrying out the provisions of this sub-title or regulation pursuant thereto, or do any other act whatsoever, whereby the lives or health of persons employed or the security of the mine property is endangered, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 130. Whenever safety lamps are required to be used in any mine, a quantity one-fourth larger than may be in immediate use shall always be kept on hand, ready for use. A competent person shall be appointed to examine every such safety lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use, who shall ascertain that such lamp is clean, safe and secure before it is used.
- 131. No safety lamp shall be entrusted to any person for use in a mine, until said person has given satisfactory evidence to the mine foreman that he understands the proper use, and the danger of tampering with the same.
- 133. The operator of every gassy mine shall employ a sufficient number of fire bosses, each of whom shall satisfy the operator of his competency, and shall have first obtained a certificate of competency from the Examining Board as hereinbefore provided.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That Sections 77, 78, 83, 90-104, 110, 111, 114-119, inclusive, 138, 141, 142, 144-149, inclusive, of said Article, be and they are hereby repealed, and that Sections 77, 78, 83, 90-104D, inclusive, 110, 111, 114-119, inclusive, 138, 138A, 141-142D, inclusive, and 144-149C, inclusive, of said Article, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:
- 77. Mine openings and escapeways. There shall be at least two travelable passageways, to be designated as escapeways, from each working section to the surface whether the mine openings are shafts, slopes, or drifts. They shall be kept in safe condition for travel and reasonably free from standing water and other obstructions. One of the designated escapeways may be the haulage road, provided, however, that one of the escapeways shall be