

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "Department of Labor and Industry", sub-title "Bureau of Mines", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that two new sections be and they are hereby added to said Article 89 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Department of Labor and Industry", sub-title "Bureau of Mines", to be known as Section 27A, to follow immediately after Section 27, and Section 174A, to follow immediately after Section 174, of said Article, all to read as follows:

23. The Bureau shall comply, publish and distribute to persons interested, the mining laws and rules and regulations pertaining thereto and such publications shall be made at such reasonable times as to keep said laws and rules and regulations current. The Bureau shall carefully keep a record of all inspections and investigations and copies of all official communications and records of all work to be done; to preserve all reports, statistics and information received relating to the development of coal or other mining or to the enforcement of this sub-title. Reports relating to inspections and investigations and other pertinent mining information shall be prepared and distributed at least quarterly to all persons or organizations having an interest in mining conditions in the state.

27A. The Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to establish a place or places within the mining area of the State of Maryland where instruction may be given applicants for "first-class mine foreman's certificates", for "fire boss certificates" and for "permits of competency" and for such other instruction as may be required under this Act or rules and regulations made pursuant thereto. The Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Mines in obtaining necessary equipment to conduct the prescribed courses of instruction, and it shall be the duty of the Bureau of Mines to conduct such courses as often as is practical in order to properly qualify all applicants making applications for various types of certificates. It is further declared to be the legislative intent that the Bureau of Mines shall in cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Mines make possible the necessary instructions relating to gassy mines in order that applicants seeking to qualify for various types of certificates, as provided for herein, may receive such training at the place of instruction within the State of Maryland and not be required to go without the State to receive such training.