

CHAPTER 16

Original House Bill No. 175

STRIP MINE FOREMEN

AN ACT to amend section 30-125 by amending and renumbering existing language as subsection (a) and creating a new subsection (b) of the statutes relating to surface coal mine foremen and assistant foremen; and defining its application.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. Section 30-125 of the statutes is amended to read:

30-125. Same; Qualifications generally; certificate of competency required; reciprocity.

(a) No person shall act as mine foreman, assistant mine foreman or safety engineer unless he has at least five years experience underground in coal mines, one year of which shall be in Wyoming, and possesses a mine foreman certificate granted by the coal mining examining board of Wyoming. No person shall act as unit foreman, fire boss or mine examiner unless he has at least five years experience underground in coal mines, one year of which shall be in Wyoming, and possesses a mine examiner certificate granted by the coal mining examining board of Wyoming. Each one year's training as a mining engineer in an accredited college or university is considered the equivalent of one year's practical experience underground, but such credit for training as a mining engineer shall not exceed three years. Any person holding a certificate of competency from a proper examining board of any state with which Wyoming has a reciprocal agreement may perform the duties in Wyoming for which his certificate certifies he is competent, without examination by the coal mining examining board of Wyoming. Any such person before assuming any duties in a coal mine in Wyoming shall present his certificate to the coal mining examining board of Wyoming or to the mine inspector of coal mines in Wyoming and secure approval of the certificate. Such person is subject to examination by the board at the request of the mine inspector, and his authority to act in Wyoming as mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, mine examiner, safety engineer, unit foreman, or fire boss is subject to cancellation the same as if his certificate were issued by the coal mining examining board of Wyoming. No owner, operator, contractor, lessee, or agent shall employ any mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, mine examiner, safety engineer, unit foreman, or fire boss who does not possess the certificate of competency herein required. This act shall not apply to open pit mining.

Approved February 6, 1973.