

Act No. 44, 1900.

COAL MINES
REGULATION ACT
(AMENDMENT).

An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896. [5th November, 1900.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Coal Mines Regulation Act (Amendment) Act, 1900."

Definition.

2. "Principal Act" means Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896.

New general rule 40.

3. Rule forty of the general rules contained in section forty-seven of the Principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following rule is substituted in its place:—

Rule 40. No person other than a person employed or working at the commencement of this Act as a coal-getter or shale-getter shall work or be allowed to work as a coal-getter or a shale-getter in the face of the workings of a mine, unless—

(a) he has been employed or has worked for two years in or about the face of the workings of a mine as a coal-getter or shale-getter; or

(b) he works in company with a person who has been employed or has worked for two years in or about the face of the workings of a mine as a coal-getter or a shale-getter.

Inspector may order person to cease working.

Where it is reported to an inspector and such inspector is satisfied after due inquiry that any person is working in any mine in contravention of the provisions of this rule, he may, after giving notice to the owner of the mine, or his agent, or manager, order such person to cease working, and such person shall thereupon cease working as aforesaid.

Liability for misrepresentation as to age.

4. Where in consequence of any false representation, and under the belief in good faith that such representation is true, any boy is employed at an age at which his employment is a contravention of the Principal Act, or any person is allowed to work as a coal-getter or a shale-getter in the face of the workings of a mine in contravention of the provisions of the Principal Act as amended by this Act, the owner, agent, or manager of the mine and employer shall be exempted from any penalty for such contravention, and the person making the false representation shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Principal Act.

Additional general rule.

5. The following general rule is hereby added to the rules in section forty-seven of the Principal Act:—*Rule 42.* Every sinking shaft exceeding

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exceeding one hundred and fifty feet in depth shall be provided with guides and guide attachments applied in such manner as to prevent the bucket or other appliance from swinging while being lowered or raised in such shaft, and such guides and guide attachments shall be maintained from the surface to a distance of not more than seventy-five feet from the bottom of such shaft until its sinking has been completed. Use of guides in sinking shafts.

6. Subsection one of section sixty-two of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the omission of the word " three " and the insertion in lieu thereof of the word " six." Amendment of section 62 (1).

7. Section sixty-four of the Principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal of section 6

