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No. , 1915.

A BILL

To amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913, and the Weights and Measures Act, 1915; and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the King'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
5 the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Coal Mines Short title. Regulation (Amending) Act, 1915."

In this Act the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, as amended by the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending)
10 Act, 1913, is referred to as the Principal Act.

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Amendment of s. 5A.

2. Section 5A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "and in which safety-lamps are used" in subsection one of that section, and by adding the following subsection:—

(3) The certificate as to eyesight shall be renewed 5
at least once in each period of two years after the grant of a certificate of service or competency as a deputy, and such renewed certificate shall be produced to an inspector on demand.

Amendment of s. 15.

3. Section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended 10
by inserting the word "deputy" after the word "under-manager" where secondly occurring in such section and after the word "under-manager" in paragraphs (b), (d), (f) and (g).

Amendment of ss. 17 & 20.

4. Sections seventeen and twenty of the Principal 15
Act are amended by inserting the word "deputy" after the word "under-manager" where that word occurs in such sections.

New section.

5. The following section is inserted next after section 20
thirty-two of the Principal Act:—

Appointment, powers, and duties of inspector of weighbridges.

32A. (1) The Governor may appoint a person to be inspector of weighbridges in use at any mine.

(2) Such inspector may enter any mine and inspect, examine, and test any weights or weighing instruments in the possession of or used by the 25
owner agent or manager of such mine for the purpose of weighing the mineral gotten in such mine.

(3) Any weight or weighing instrument which is incorrect or unjust may be seized by such 30
inspector.

Amendment of s. 54.

6. Section fifty-four of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—

General Rule 12.

(a) by omitting paragraphs (m) and (n) of general rule twelve and inserting the following para- 35
graphs in lieu thereof:—

(m) Neither gunpowder nor any other explosive which is not on the list of permitted explosives in force for the time being shall be used in any ventilating district of a mine in which inflammable 40
gas has been found within the previous three months.

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(n) No explosive shall be taken or used in any mine or part of a mine in which naked lights are prohibited except explosives provided by the owner; and the price (if any) charged by the owner to the workman for any explosives so provided shall not exceed the actual net cost to the owner.

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(b) by omitting the words "where any nuisance can be shown to exist" in general rule forty-three.

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(c) by adding the following general rule:—

Rule 44. (a) If more than four persons are employed in one shift below ground in any mine a changing-house shall be provided above ground near the principal entrance of the mine (but not in the engine-house or boiler-house) sufficient to enable the persons employed in the mine to conveniently dry and change their clothes; in no case shall any person be allowed to change his clothes upon a boiler.

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(b) The owner, agent or manager shall, upon receipt of a notice in writing from the Minister, provide to the satisfaction of the chief inspector a supply of hot and cold water and suitable basins and baths for the use of the persons employed in the mine. Every changing-house shall be warmed during the winter months, and shall be provided with steam pipes or other suitable appliances upon which the wet clothes of the persons employed can be dried.

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7. The following section is inserted next after 56A of the Principal Act:—

56B In every mine opened after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and required by this Act to be under the control of a certificated manager, a travelling road shall be provided. Such travelling road—

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(a) shall also be an intake airway;

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(b) shall not be less than six feet in height and six feet in width;

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- (c) shall be maintained in such condition as to afford a ready means of ingress to and egress from the workings;
- (d) shall not be used for the haulage of coal; and
- (e) shall be kept reasonably clear of dust, mud, or water to the satisfaction of an inspector. 5

Amendment of s. 8 of the Amending Act, No. 11, of 1913.

8. Section eight of the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913, is amended— 10

- (a) by omitting the words "sections fifteen, seventeen, and twenty of the Principal Act are amended" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended"; and 15
- (b) by omitting the words "in such sections" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in such section."

