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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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## A BILL

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

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**B**E 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 the same, as follows :—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Coal Mines Short title. Regulation (Amending) Act, 1918."

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

**2.** General Rule forty-three of section fifty-four of the Principal Act is omitted, and the following General Rules are inserted in lieu thereof:—

Repeal of  
General  
Rule 43.

**Rule 43.** Suitable sanitary conveniences shall be provided underground in every mine wherever a group of four or more persons is employed on intake roadways; and the situation and mode of cleansing such conveniences shall be to the satisfaction of an inspector. The position of every place of convenience shall be indicated by having the roof and sides regularly coated with lime-washing.

Sanitation.

**Rule 44.** (a) Upon the request of a majority, ascertained by ballot, of two-thirds of the persons employed in and about a mine, the owner, agent, or manager shall provide above ground and near to the principal entrance of the mine (but not in the engine-house or boiler-house) sufficient change-houses and baths to enable such persons to change and dry their clothes and wash themselves.

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(b) Every such ballot shall be conducted by a committee of three persons composed of a representative of the owner, agent, or manager of the mine, a representative of the underground workmen, and a representative of the above-ground workmen.

(c) Such change-houses shall be supplied with hot and cold water, together with suitable basins and baths, and while in use the temperature in every such house shall be maintained at not less than seventy-six degrees Fahrenheit, and suitable apparatus shall be provided for drying clothes.

(d) The persons using such change-houses and baths shall pay to the owner, agent, or manager of the mine a sum not exceeding three-pence per week per man.

(e) If it is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that the water supply at any mine is inadequate, or that, owing to the configuration of the land in the vicinity of the mine, a suitable site for a change-house cannot be found, or for any other reason, the Minister may grant exemption from the operation of this rule in respect of such mine.