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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1924.

A BILL

To amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1912,
and certain other Acts; and for purposes
connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-
lative 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 "Medical Prac- Short title.
titioners (Amendment) Act, 1924."

2. The Medical Practitioners Act, 1912, as amended Amendment,
by the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1915, Act No. 29,
is amended by omitting paragraph two of section four. 1912, s. 4.

Mines Inspection (Amendment) Bill, 1924.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE object of this Bill is to make certain amendments in the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts, chiefly by extending the provisions thereof to quarries and dredges. In addition, the following matters are dealt with :—

Clause 4 allows a practically trained man of lengthy experience to hold a permit as mine manager in a mine where not more than forty men are employed below ground. Provision is also made for a manager to be absent for recreation purposes, subject to his appointing a deputy.

Clause 5 provides that a quarry in which more than ten men are employed shall be under a manager, and that a dredge shall be controlled by a responsible person nominated by the owner.

Clause 7 provides for the grant of certificates of competency as manager, and amends the existing law as contained in sections 6 and 7 of the Principal Act.

Clause 9 provides for the employment of a certificated engine-driver where a boiler under steam is used in a mine, but that certain other simple and automatic motors and engines may be operated by a person holding a permit from an inspector.

Clause 11 provides for the grant, during a period of three years after commencement of the Act, of certificates of service as engine-driver to persons previously employed at quarries.

Clause 13 provides that an inspector may grant a provisional permit to a person pending the issue of a certificate. It empowers the Board of Examiners to require applicants for certificates to produce evidence of physical fitness, and authorises the classification of engine-drivers' certificates according to class of engine to be worked.

Clause 17 empowers inspectors under the Coal Mines Regulation Act to act as inspectors under this Act in relation to quarries in their districts.

Clause 18 requires certain returns of operations during the year to be furnished.

Clauses 19 and 20 are inserted for the purpose of requiring that notice be given of recommencing work at an abandoned mine, except alluvial mines of opal or precious stones.

Clause 21 authorises the Minister to grant a "statement of particulars" to any licensed boiler-tester who has lost his license.

Clause 22 extends the operation of the rules under this Act to dredges.

Clause 23 relates to proceedings at magisterial inquiries respecting deaths caused by accident in or about mines, and brings dredges within the operation of the Coroners' Act, 1912.