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MINING AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Mining Act, 1908.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mining Amendment Act, 1922, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Mining Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. Where pursuant to the principal Act the approval of the Minister must be obtained prior to the exercise or performance of any power or duty by a Warden or Commissioner of Crown Lands, and where fees are hereafter prescribed to be paid in respect of the obtaining of such approval or consent, such fees shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, be paid into the Public Account, and shall form part of the Consolidated Fund.

Disposal of fees payable in respect of Minister's approval or consent to exercise of powers by Wardens or Commissioners of Crown Lands.

3. (1.) In every mine a competent person or persons appointed by the mine-manager for the purpose, with the approval in writing of the Inspector of Mines for the district in which the mine is situated shall, once at least in every twenty-four hours inspect all working-places in the mine, and, forthwith after such inspection, shall make a record in writing in a book to be kept for that purpose as to their condition and safety.

Daily inspection of working-places in mines.

(2.) The daily inspection required by the *last preceding* subsection shall be in addition to the inspections required by paragraph (44) of section two hundred and fifty-four of the principal Act.

Certain lands to be subject to section 28 of principal Act.

4. The powers conferred upon the Native Land Court by section twenty-eight of the principal Act may be at any time exercised by that Court in respect of any land that has heretofore been, or may hereafter be, set apart under any Act for the use or benefit of landless Natives, and nothing in that section as to investigation of title or as to partition shall restrict the exercise of those powers with reference to the land referred to in this section. 5

Section 142 of principal Act amended.

5. Section one hundred and forty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the first proviso to paragraph (a) thereof. 10

Section 153 of principal Act amended.

6. Section one hundred and fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection three thereof, and substituting the following:—

“(3.) Such of the provisions of the Tramways Act, 1908, as the Governor-General in Council may from time to time prescribe shall apply to licenses for tramways under this Act.” 15

Section 233 of principal Act amended.

7. (1.) Subsection one of section two hundred and thirty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By omitting the words “the fee of one pound,” and substituting the words “a fee of two pounds two shillings in the case of an application for a first-class mine-manager’s certificate, or a fee of one pound one shilling in any other case.” 20

(b.) By repealing the proviso thereto, and substituting the following:— 25

“Provided that if the candidate fails to pass such examination he may, without the payment of any further fee be examined again at such time as may be fixed in that behalf by the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.”

Repeal.

(2.) Paragraph (j) of section nineteen of the Mining Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby consequentially repealed. 30

Section 235 of principal Act amended.

8. Section two hundred and thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By omitting the words “ten shillings,” and substituting the words “one pound one shilling”; 35

(b.) By inserting, after the words “satisfies the Board that he is,” the words “resident in New Zealand and is.”

Section 254 of principal Act amended.

9. Section two hundred and fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting paragraph eight and substituting the following:— 40

“(8.) Every abandoned or disused shaft shall be fenced or securely covered in, or if the Inspector so directs shall be surrounded by a stone or concrete wall. The position of the shaft shall be indicated on the surface by a permanent distinguishing mark approved by the Inspector.” 45

Notification of accident in mine.

10. (1.) Where any accident in a mine—

(a.) Causes loss of life to any person; or

(b.) Causes any fracture of the head, or of any limb, or any other serious personal injury to any person—

the mine-manager, or other person for the time being in charge of the mine, shall forthwith by telegraph give notice of such accident to the Minister, the Warden, the Inspector, and the workmens’ inspectors 50

appointed under section fourteen of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914, and shall also give to the Inspector in the prescribed form written notice of such accident.

5 (2.) This section is in substitution for paragraph (b) of section two hundred and sixty-nine of the principal Act, and that paragraph and so much of paragraph (t) of section nineteen of the Mining Amendment Act, 1910, as relates thereto are hereby repealed. Repeals.

10 11. Section four hundred and nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the words "other than the cost of collection," and substituting the words "including a deduction of five per centum for the cost of collection." Section 409 of principal Act amended.

12. Section twenty-eight of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following proviso:— Qualification of Inspectors.

15 "Provided that any Inspector under the Coal-mines Act, 1908, being the holder of a first-class certificate as a mine-manager under that Act, may, without further qualification, and if so directed by the Minister, act as an Inspector of Mines under the principal Act, save that no such person shall inspect any mine in which more than twelve men are employed above ground, or more than six men below 20 ground."

13. Section thirty of the Mining Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended as follows:— Section 30 of Mining Amendment Act, 1914, amended.

(a.) By inserting, before the word "cause" in subsection three, the word "sufficient":

25 (b.) By omitting from subsection four the words "may unless cause," and substituting the words "shall unless sufficient cause"; and by inserting, after the word "shown" in the same subsection, the words "to the Minister."