

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2598

By: Lindley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mines and mining; amending 45 O.S. 1991, Section 570, which relates to additional duties of mine foreman; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 45 O.S. 1991, Section 570, is amended to read as follows:

Section 570. ~~1.~~ A. The mine foreman shall attend personally to ~~his~~ official duties in the mine and carry out all the instructions set forth in this chapter, and see that the ~~regulations~~ rules prescribed for each class of workmen under ~~his~~ the charge of the mine foreman are carried out in the strictest manner possible, and see that any deviations from or infringements of any of them are promptly adjusted.

~~2.~~ B. The mine foreman shall cause all stoppings along the airways to be properly built.

~~3.~~ C. The mine foreman shall see that the entries at such places, where road grades necessitate, are supplied with sprays or brakes to be used to allow the driver to pass ~~his~~ the trip safely and keep clear of the cars thereto.

4. ~~D.~~ In case of accident to a ventilating fan or its machinery whereby the ventilation of the mine would be seriously interrupted it shall be ~~his~~ the duty of the mine foreman to order ~~the men~~ employees to immediately withdraw from the mine and not allow their return to their work until the ventilation has been restored, and the mine has been thoroughly examined by ~~him~~ the mine foreman or ~~his~~ the assistant of the mine foreman and reported to be safe.

5. ~~He~~ E. The mine foreman shall see that all dangerous places are properly fenced off and proper danger signals plainly shown on the fencing. ~~He~~ The mine foreman, or ~~his~~ the assistant of the mine foreman shall also travel and examine all air roads and shall make a record of their condition in the daily record book, at least once each week, and examine all openings that give access to old workings as often as it is necessary to insure safety.

6. ~~He~~ F. The mine foreman shall, on blank forms provided by the Chief Mine Inspector for the purpose, within ten (10) days after their occurrence, report to the mine inspector, all fatal and serious accidents occurring in or about the mines, giving age, nationality, and occupation of the injured persons, together with the facts as to the families or dependents affected, and such other facts as ~~he~~ the mine foreman may deem material, but ~~he~~ the mine foreman shall, ~~as hereinbefore provided,~~ give immediate notice of all fatal accidents.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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