

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 337

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5 By: Senators Wilkinson, Altes
6 By: Representatives Walters, Verkamp

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ALLOW COMPARABLE MINING TESTING IN
11 OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO SATISFY MINING TESTING
12 REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO ALLOW COMPARABLE MINING
17 TESTING IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO
18 SATISFY MINING TESTING REQUIREMENTS IN
19 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-7-403(a), concerning mine safety
25 testing, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) No fire bosses, hoisting engineers, or mine foremen shall be
27 employed in any mine in the State of Arkansas unless they ~~shall have been~~
28 ~~examined by the state board of examiners, as provided in this section~~ have
29 been examined by the Arkansas Department of Labor or the department
30 determines that comparable testing criteria have been met in another
31 jurisdiction.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 11-7-404(a), concerning certificates for
34 fire bosses and mine foremen, is amended to read as follows:

35 (a)(1) The ~~board~~ Director of the Department of Labor shall grant
36 certificates after examination ~~to all applicants who have shown themselves~~



1 ~~familiar with the duties of the position for which they desire certificates~~
2 ~~and are capable of performing such duties~~ by the Arkansas Department of Labor
3 or a determination by the department that the testing requirements have been
4 satisfied in another jurisdiction.

5 (2) The certificates shall be granted to all applicants who
6 through these testing procedures have shown themselves familiar with the
7 duties of the position for which they desire certificates and are capable of
8 performing such duties.

9 ~~(1)~~(3) Certificates of the first grade shall be granted only to
10 applicants who, by oral or written examinations in the presence of and
11 relating to explosive gas, have shown themselves competent to act as mine
12 foremen in mines which generate explosive and noxious gases, and the
13 certificate shall so state.

14 ~~(2)~~(4) Certificates for mine inspector and assistant mine inspector
15 shall be granted only to applicants who have shown themselves duly qualified,
16 as provided by the law creating the office, and no appointments shall be made
17 to these offices unless the appointee shall hold a certificate.

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