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An Act to amend the Coal Mines Act 1925

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Coal Mines Amendment Act 1970, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Coal Mines Act 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Ventilation of mines—Section 91 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

“(4) In every mine in which no lamps or lights other than locked safety lamps may be used in accordance with section 95 of this Act, the quantity of air at the commencement of the return outbye of the last working place shall be not less than 3,000 cubic feet per minute.

“(5) If the percentage of inflammable gas present in the general body of the air current at any part of a mine is $1\frac{1}{4}$ percent or more, changes or adjustments shall be made to the ventilation so that the percentage of inflammable gas is reduced to below $1\frac{1}{4}$ percent.”

3. Ventilation surveys and improvements in ventilation—Section 12 of the Coal Mines Amendment Act 1941 is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from subsection (1) the words “one and one-half”, and substituting the expression “ $1\frac{1}{4}$ ”:
- (b) By omitting from subsection (2) the words “one and one-half”, and substituting the expression “ $1\frac{1}{4}$ ”.

4. Prevention of coal dust—Section 126 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

- “(bb) No tub shall be filled with coal to such an extent that spillage of coal from the tub may occur.”.

5. Periodical inspections of mine and equipment—Section 129 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (1), after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:

- “(aa) If, owing to the size of a mine or to the difficulty of travelling conditions in or about a mine, the manager is of the opinion that he requires assistance in order to comply with paragraph (a) of this subsection, he may, with the written consent of the Inspector (which may at any time be withdrawn), appoint a person, with qualifications approved by the Inspector, to carry out all or any of the duties imposed by that paragraph.”.

This Act is administered in the Mines Department.
