

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Mine foreman certification.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mines and minerals; providing for the  
2 education and experience requirements for certification of  
3 mine foremen and mine examiners as specified; providing  
4 rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-2-309(a)(ii), (c) and (e) by  
9 creating a new paragraph (vi) is amended to read:

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11 **30-2-309. Mine foreman and mine examiner**  
12 **certificates; qualifications; certificate required;**  
13 **reciprocity; council duties.**

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15 (a) No person shall act as mine foreman or safety  
16 engineer at any underground mine unless he holds a mine  
17 foreman certificate for the type of mineral being mined. To

1 obtain a mine foreman certificate for a particular mineral  
2 an applicant shall pass the required examination for the  
3 particular mineral. An applicant for the mine foreman  
4 examination shall:

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6 (ii) Except as otherwise provided, provide  
7 verifiable documentation that he has at least three (3)  
8 years practical experience in the mining of the mineral in  
9 which he desires to hold a mine foreman certificate.  
10 Practical experience shall be determined from practical  
11 work of a "hands-on" nature, directly related to the  
12 hazards involved in the type of mine for which the  
13 certificate is sought. Underground coal mine experience  
14 shall qualify for gassy metal or nonmetal mine experience.  
15 Gassy metal or nonmetal mine experience shall not qualify  
16 for underground coal mine experience. Surface mine  
17 experience in a different mineral may be considered by the  
18 council when qualifying an applicant to take the  
19 examination for surface foreman certification. The council  
20 may grant one (1) year experience credit for not less than  
21 ten (10) years experience in an industry similar in nature  
22 to mining;

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1           (c) A mining engineering degree from an accredited  
2 college or university shall be considered the equivalent of  
3 one (1) year practical experience for mine foreman  
4 certificate and one (1) year for mine examiner certificate.  
5 An approved degree from a recognized post secondary  
6 education institution which degree is related to mining may  
7 be considered the equivalent of one (1) year practical  
8 experience for mine foreman certificate and one (1) year  
9 for mine examiner certificate. In no case shall practical  
10 experience credit for ~~an engineering~~a degree exceed one  
11 (1) year for a mine foreman certificate or one (1) year for  
12 a mine examiner certificate. For purposes of this section  
13 an engineering degree shall be limited to a baccalaureate,  
14 master's or doctorate degree in mining engineering.

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16           (e) The state mining council shall include in its  
17 rules for implementation of this article, the following:

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19                   (vi) Criteria for granting experience credit for  
20 purposes of this section.

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1           **Section 2.**    This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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