

SENATE FILE NO. SF0003

Mining council-experience credit for mine foreman.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mines and minerals; modifying
2 qualifications for mine foremen certification; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-2-309(a)(ii) and (c) is amended to
8 read:

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10 **30-2-309. Mine foreman and mine examiner**
11 **certificates; qualifications; certificate required;**
12 **reciprocity; council duties.**

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

1 mined. Except as provided in subsection (f) of this
2 section, to obtain a mine foreman certificate for a
3 particular mineral an applicant shall pass the required
4 examination for the particular mineral. An applicant for
5 the mine foreman examination shall:

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

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21 (c) A mining engineering degree from an accredited
22 college or university shall be considered the equivalent of
23 ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year practical experience for mine
24 foreman certificate and one (1) year for mine examiner

1 certificate. In no case shall practical experience credit
2 for an engineering degree exceed ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year
3 for a mine foreman certificate or one (1) year for a mine
4 examiner certificate. For purposes of this section an
5 engineering degree shall be limited to a baccalaureate,
6 master's or doctorate degree in mining engineering.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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