

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0114

Mine foreman certification.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady and Meyer

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 The council may grant one (1) year's experience credit for
16 not less than five (5) years' experience in an underground
17 gassy metal or nonmetal mine ~~experience shall not qualify~~
18 for underground coal mine experience. Surface mine
19 experience in a different mineral may be considered by the
20 council when qualifying an applicant to take the
21 examination for surface foreman certification. The council
22 may grant one (1) year experience credit for not less than
23 ten (10) years experience in another type of mine or in an
24 industry similar in nature to mining;

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2 (c) A mining engineering degree from an accredited
3 college or university shall be considered the equivalent of
4 one (1) year practical experience for mine foreman
5 certificate and one (1) year for mine examiner certificate.

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

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

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21 (vi) Criteria for granting experience credit for
22 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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