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CHAPTER 540

AN ACT to create 20.005 (2) (a) (line 367a), 20.440 (5) and 101.103 (4), (5) and (6) of the statutes, relating to mines and excavations and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (2) (a) (line 367a) of the statutes is created to read:

20.005 (2) (a)		1957-58	1958-59
367a. Inspection of mines -----	20.440 (5)	\$6,500	\$6,500

SECTION 2. 20.440 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

20.440 (5) INSPECTION OF MINES, ETC. Annually beginning July 1, 1957, \$6,500 for the execution of its functions under s. 101.103 (4), (5) and (6).

SECTION 3. 101.103 (4), (5) and (6) of the statutes are created to read:

101.103 (4) The industrial commission is empowered:

(a) To employ additional mining inspectors, who shall have had at least 10 years experience in underground mining or be a graduate of a recognized college with a degree of mining engineering.

(b) To cause the inspection of all underground mines, quarries, pits, zinc works or other excavations.

(5) The commission shall require all mine operators to conform with all general orders as are promulgated relating to the safety of mines, explosives, quarries and the like.

(6) (a) The commission shall cause the inspections of mines and similar establishments at least once every 2 months. In the making of the inspections the owner and the labor union identified as the bargaining representative of the employes of the mine or establishment shall be permitted to accompany the inspector engaged in the tour of inspection. The commission shall cause a report of any inspection so made, to be submitted to representatives of the operator and of the employes.

(b) The commission may apply to a court of record for the closing of any underground mine, quarry, pit, zinc works or other excavation where the same is being operated in violation of any of its rules or orders, and the owners or operators have failed within a reasonable time to correct any unsafe methods of operation. The failure of any owner or operator to comply with the order or judgment of the court shall subject such party or parties to criminal contempt proceedings.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1957.

Approved August 6, 1957.