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HOUSE BILL NO. 573

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 45.1-256 of the Code of Virginia, relating to training and certification of blasters.

Patron—Kilgore

Referred to Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 45.1-256 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 45.1-256. Training and certification of blasters.

A. ~~1.~~ In order to ensure that explosives are used only in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, the Director is authorized to promulgate regulations requiring the training, examination and certification of persons engaging in or directly responsible for blasting or the use, storage and handling of explosives in coal surface mining operations.

~~2. Upon request of the Director, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry may delegate the Chief of the Division of Mines or his authorized representative to participate, in conjunction with the Division, in a joint effort for training and certifying blasters in the Commonwealth.~~

B. The Division shall assume primary responsibility for conducting the examinations and issuing the certificates for such persons in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision A ~~1~~ of this section.

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