

[Commonwealth Act No. 696, October 15, 1945]

AN ACT TO AMEND COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR, ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF LABOR TO PROMULGATE AND ENFORCE RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN MINES, QUARRIES, METALLURGICAL OPERATIONS AND OTHER ENTERPRISES."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section three of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and four is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of every person, partnership, association, company, firm or corporation engaged in mining, quarrying, metallurgical operation or any other industrial enterprise, to register its business name and address with the Department of Labor and to give every facility to the Safety Engineers mentioned in the preceding section and other agents whom the Secretary of Labor may designate for the inspection of works, processes and any other unit of the industrial enterprise, and otherwise facilitate the performance of their duties imposed by the provisions of this Act.

"For the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels, the Secretary of Labor, with the advice of the Advisory Safety Council, shall fix and collect reasonable inspection fees. The amounts so collected shall be deposited in the Philippine Treasury to the credit of the 'Safety Inspection Fund of the Department of Labor to be expended for the purposes of the enforcement of this Act, subject to the usual accounting and auditing requirements."

SEC. 2. Section five of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and four is hereby amended to read as follows:

" SEC. 5. An advisory Safety Council is hereby created which shall be composed of the Undersecretary of Labor or his duly authorized representative as Chairman, the senior safety engineer who shall also act as Secretary and Executive Officer of the council, one mining engineer to be designated by the mining operators, one representative of other industrial undertakings to be designated by industrial concerns, one representative of industrial accident insurance companies, one representative of the public, the last two to be designated by the Secretary of Labor. The council shall serve for two years, and each member thereof who is not a Government employee shall receive a per diem of twenty pesos for every meeting actually attended by him. It shall advise the Secretary of Labor in the formulation of safety orders, rules and regulations, safety devices and safety standards, designed to safeguard the health and lives of workers in mining and other industrial operations.

"The council shall meet once a month or oftener as the Chairman may determine."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.