

## CHAPTER 6.

[H. B. 45.]

## COAL MINING: POSTING AND CHECKING WEIGHTS.

AN ACT amending section 204 of chapter 36 of the Laws of 1917 (section 4031 of Pierce's Code; section 8839 of Remington's Revised Statutes); providing for a just weighing of coal for miners, posting and checking weights, and the employment and deduction of check-weighmen; and providing penalties for its violation.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 204 of chapter 36 of the Laws of 1917 (section 4031 of Pierce's Code; section 8839 of Remington's Revised Statutes) be amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 204, ch. 36,  
Laws 1917.

Section 204. (a) The operator of every coal mine where the miners are paid by the weight of their output, shall provide at such mine suitable and accurate scales for the weighing of such coal, and a correct record shall be kept of all coal so weighed, and each day's record shall be posted where it is open at all hours to the inspection of miners. Sufficient weights shall be furnished by the operator for the purpose of testing the accuracy of said scales: *Provided, however;* That where a check weighman is employed the operator shall not be required to post each day's record.

Weighing  
of coal.

Record kept.

Check  
weighman.

(b) The miners employed by or engaged in working at any coal mine in this state shall have the privilege, if they desire, of employing at their expense a check weighman, whose compensation shall be deducted by the mine operator before paying the wages due the miner, and who shall have like rights, powers and privileges in the weighing of coal as the regular weighman, and be subject to the same oath and penalties as the regular weighman. Said oath

Compensation.

or affirmation shall be conspicuously posted in the weigh office.

Oath.

(c) The weighman and check weighman employed at any mine shall subscribe an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, in form as follows, to-wit:

(Date)..... I, .....  
depose and say that I will do justice, as weighman, between the employer and employee, and weigh correctly the output of coal from the mine or mines, and keep an accurate record thereof, posting a daily bulletin of such weights for the examination of the employee.

(Sign here).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a.....  
..... on the day and dates above written.

Penalties.

(d) Any weigher of coal, check weighman, or any person so employed, who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this or the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, proceedings to be instituted in any court having jurisdiction therein.

Passed the House January 30, 1935.

Passed the Senate February 6, 1935.

Approved by the Governor February 14, 1935.