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**HOUSE BILL 20-1208**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COAL MINE BOARD OF**  
102 **EXAMINERS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING**  
103 **RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2019 SUNSET REPORT**  
104 **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - House Rural Affairs and Agriculture Committee.** The bill implements recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the coal mine board of

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examiners (board) in the department of natural resources by:

- ! Continuing the board for 9 years, until 2029 (**sections 1 and 2** of the bill);
- ! Defining "commissioner" as the commissioner of mines in the statute that lists the board members (**section 3**);
- ! Replacing an obsolete reference to a "flame safety lamp" with a reference to a "digital gas detector" (**section 4**); and
- ! Repealing references to "assistant mine foreman" (**section 5**).

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
3 (18)(a)(I); and **add** (30)(a)(III) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
6 **declaration - repeal.** (18) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
7 are scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2020:

8 (I) ~~The regulation of persons working in coal mines by the~~  
9 ~~department of natural resources through the coal mine board of examiners~~  
10 ~~in accordance with article 22 of title 34, C.R.S.;~~

11 (30) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
12 for repeal on September 1, 2029:

13 (III) THE REGULATION OF PERSONS WORKING IN COAL MINES BY  
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE COAL MINE  
15 BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 22 OF TITLE 34.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 34-22-113 as  
17 follows:

18 **34-22-113. Repeal of article - subject to review.** ~~Unless~~  
19 ~~continued by the general assembly,~~ This article ARTICLE 22 is repealed,  
20 effective July 1, 2020, and the coal mine board of examiners is abolished.

1     ~~The provisions of section 24-34-104 (2) to (8), C.R.S., concerning a~~  
2     ~~wind-up period, an analysis and evaluation, public hearings, and claims~~  
3     ~~by or against an agency apply to the powers, duties, and functions of the~~  
4     ~~board specified in this article~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2029. BEFORE THE REPEAL,  
5     THIS ARTICLE 22 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6     SECTION 24-34-104.

7             **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-22-102, **amend**  
8     (2) introductory portion and (2)(e) as follows:

9             **34-22-102. Board of examiners - created - duties - members.**

10     (2) The board ~~shall be~~ IS composed of four voting members and one  
11     nonvoting ex officio member as follows:

12             (e) The commissioner, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 34-21-102, or ~~his~~  
13     THE COMMISSIONER'S designee, ~~shall serve~~ SERVES as a nonvoting, ex  
14     officio member of the board.

15             **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-22-109, **amend**  
16     (3) as follows:

17             **34-22-109. Examinations - content.** (3) TO QUALIFY FOR  
18     CERTIFICATION, an applicant for certification as a shot-firer ~~shall~~ MUST be  
19     sufficiently knowledgeable as to explosives, breaking agents, and blasting  
20     accessories used in coal mines, the proper placement of drill holes made  
21     for the purpose of breaking or dislodging coal and rock, the ~~flame safety~~  
22     ~~lamp~~ DIGITAL GAS DETECTOR and its use in detecting inflammables and  
23     noxious gases, and the proper ventilation in the working places of coal  
24     mines.

25             **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-22-112, **amend**  
26     (2) and (3) as follows:

27             **34-22-112. Examinations - applicant qualifications.** (2) Every

1 applicant for certification as a mine foreman ~~or assistant mine foreman~~  
2 shall produce evidence satisfactory to the board of not less than three  
3 years' experience in mines or in operations determined by the board to be  
4 equivalent to coal mines. The experience of an applicant intending to  
5 work in underground mines must be in underground mining. The  
6 experience of an applicant intending to work in surface mining must be  
7 in surface mining.

8 (3) ~~The holder of~~ A PERSON WHO HOLDS a college degree in  
9 engineering, which degree is determined by the board to be acceptable  
10 and suited to the intent and purpose of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 22, who  
11 satisfies the board that ~~he~~ THE PERSON has at least one year of actual and  
12 satisfactory experience in the operation of underground coal mines,  
13 including experience in mining, timbering, haulage, drainage, and  
14 ventilation and including experience in the capacity of mining engineer,  
15 ~~shall be~~ IS eligible for examination as A mine foreman ~~or assistant mine~~  
16 ~~foreman~~ in underground coal mines.

17 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.