

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0003

ENROLLED ACT NO. 1, SENATE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to mines and minerals; modifying qualifications for mine foremen certification; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 30-2-309(a)(ii) and (c) is amended to read:

30-2-309. Mine foreman and mine examiner certificates; qualifications; certificate required; reciprocity; council duties.

(a) No person shall act as mine foreman, unit foreman or safety engineer at any underground mine unless he holds a mine foreman certificate for the type of mineral being mined. Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, to obtain a mine foreman certificate for a particular mineral an applicant shall pass the required examination for the particular mineral. An applicant for the mine foreman examination shall:

(ii) Provide verifiable documentation that he has at least three (3) years practical experience in the mining of the mineral in which he desires to hold a mine foreman certificate. Practical experience shall be determined from practical work of a "hands-on" nature, directly related to the hazards involved in the type of mine for which the certificate is sought. Underground coal mine experience shall qualify for gassy metal or nonmetal mine experience. Gassy metal or nonmetal mine experience shall not qualify for underground coal mine experience. Surface mine experience in a different mineral may be considered by the council when qualifying an applicant to take the examination for surface foreman certification;

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(c) A mining engineering degree from an accredited college or university shall be considered the equivalent of ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year practical experience for mine foreman certificate and one (1) year for mine examiner certificate. In no case shall practical experience credit for an engineering degree exceed ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year for a mine foreman certificate or one (1) year for a mine examiner certificate. For purposes of this section an engineering degree shall be limited to a baccalaureate, master's or doctorate degree in mining engineering.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2003.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____
DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk