

59-1-103. Annual license required for mine operation -- Posting.

(a) The owner or operator of each mine shall procure from the department of labor and workforce development a license to operate a mine, and the license shall not be transferable. Any person who assumes control of a mine, opens a new mine, or reopens an abandoned mine shall procure a license to operate the mine before mining operations are begun. All licenses are valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed annually.

(b) The license shall be in such printed form as the department of labor and workforce development may prescribe and when issued shall be kept posted at a conspicuous place near the main entrance of the mine.

The Application for License to Operate a Mine is not required by state law but is maintained for good business practices.

59-1-101. Owners and operators to make annual statistical reports -- Inspection of books.

(a) Every owner or operator engaged in mining, quarrying, or production of coal, cobalt, copper, fluorspar, gold, iron ores, lead, zinc, manganese, natural and other gas, petroleum, phosphate rock, platinum, silver, marble and other stone, gypsum, ocher, pyrites, clay products, slate or other minerals, or engaged in the manufacture of coke, coal tar, gas, pig iron, ammonium sulphate, gas coke, Portland and other natural cements and all other by-products of any other mineral produced in this state, shall on or before February 15 of each year make out and send to the department of labor and workforce development on a form prescribed by the division a detailed annual report giving statistics and information concerning the output of mines or plants or other business, the tonnage or man hours for mines that do not measure tons mined, number of employees, and the estimated number of days worked.

(b) It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person to fail or refuse to furnish the department any and all information called for in the annual report as above provided for each day of delay, any fine to go to this state. It is the duty of the commissioner of labor and workforce development or the commissioner's designated representative to report such failure to the district attorney general of the district where the mine, quarry, plant, or other work is situated; and in the event of the failure to furnish such information, it shall be the duty of the commissioner or the commissioner's designated representative to call upon such persons and inspect such books and records as will give the information above provided for; and such person shall be required to permit examination of all necessary books or records.

59-12-101. Mine rescue corps created -- Appointment of members.

There is created within the department of labor and workforce development the mine rescue corps. The commissioner of labor and workforce development, or the commissioner's designated

representative, is authorized and directed to conduct studies from time to time in order to determine manpower requirements and procedures required to satisfy regulations published by the mine safety and health administration of the United States department of labor, pursuant to the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1977. Based upon such studies the commissioner shall appoint qualified members to the mine rescue corps.