

The Act makes provision for the inspection, sanitation, ventilation and safeguarding of all the operations connected with mining. Provision is also made for the weighing of all coal mined in the State.

It is the duty of the Chief Mine Engineer to enforce all provisions of the Act. He is given the authority to make and enforce necessary rules and regulations in connection with the enforcement of the Act and the operation of the mines. (Ch. 307, 1922.)

There was created by this Act in the Bureau of Mines a State Mine Examining Board with powers to examine and pass upon the qualifications of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. Eight examinations have been held at Frostburg, Maryland. The personnel of the Mine Examining Board is as follows:

W. J. Wolf, Frostburg, Md.; representing Maryland Coal Operators.  
Lawrence Dunn, Midland, Md.; representing Maryland Coal Miners.  
John J. Rutledge, Chairman Ex-officio; representing State of Maryland.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMPLOYMENT AND REGISTRATION

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The Governor, without Senate confirmation, appoints one State Employment Commissioner for a term of six years from October 1, 1926. The others of the staff of the Commissioner are in the classified service.

The State Employment Commissioner is charged with administering the Merit System Law of the State. (Art. 64A, page 2160, Annotated Code of Maryland—Bagby.) The law gives the Commissioner general control of employment and personnel matters so far as the classified service is concerned.

The Merit System Law of Maryland, creating the State Employment Commission, was passed during the first legislative session of the first administration of Governor Ritchie. It embodies advanced principles of personnel legislation which have made possible the inauguration in Maryland of a progressive personnel program based upon the most favorably accepted practices in both the public and private fields of employment.