

Duty of mine inspector. **Attend at every inquest.** **Fully proven.** **May institute suit.** **For the loss.**

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said mine inspector to carefully examine all mines that may be in operation in the counties of Alleghany and Garrett, at least once in every month, and oftener if necessary, to see that every precaution is taken to insure safety to all workmen that may be engaged in said mines, and to see that the provisions of this act are strictly observed; and it shall further be the duty of the said inspector, after being notified by the magistrate or coroner of either of said counties of Alleghany or Garrett, to attend at every inquest that may be held on the bodies of any person or persons that may lose their lives while engaged at work in or about any of the coal mines of said counties, and he shall examine closely into the cause by which said person or persons lost their lives, and, if it shall be fully proven that the said person or persons lost their lives by any wilful violation of this act, or any wilful failure to comply with its provisions, the widow or lineal heirs of the person or persons whose life shall be so lost, may institute a suit against the owner, lessee or operator of said mine wherein the accident took place, and may recover such damages as the courts may determine, for the loss they have sustained by the death of the person or persons whose life or lives have been lost while engaged at work in said mines.

Shall not act. **To make a report.** **Stating all accidents.** **Make suggestions.**

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said mine inspector, while in office, shall not act as land agent, or as agent or superintendent and manager of any mine, and shall in no manner whatever be under the employ of any of the mining companies operating mines in said counties; and it shall be the duty of said mine inspector, on or before the first day of January in every year, to make a report to the Governor of his proceedings as such mine inspector and the condition of each and every mine in said counties, stating therein all accidents that may have happened in or about the said mines, and to set forth in said reports all such information that may be proper and beneficial, and also to make such suggestions as he may deem important as to any further legislation on the subject of mining.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That the owner or owners or lessees of every coal mine that may be in