



Western Australia.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XXXV.

AN ACT to prevent the unnecessary Employment of Labour in Mines on Sundays.

[Assented to, 16th December, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. THIS Act may be cited as the Sunday Labour in Mines Act, 1899, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1900.

Short title.

2. EXCEPT as hereinafter mentioned, no person shall, directly or indirectly, employ any workman for hire or reward to do any skilled or unskilled manual labour on a Sunday, in or about any mine within the meaning of the Mines Regulation Act of 1895 and any amendment thereof.

Prohibition of labour on mines on Sunday.

3. EVERY person who employs a workman to do work contrary to this Act shall be liable, on being convicted thereof before a Court of summary jurisdiction, to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for every workman so employed; and, if the employer

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is a company, the mine manager and every director thereof shall be severally liable to the like fine.

Exceptions.

4. THIS Act shall not apply to the employment of persons engaged in

- (a.) Connection with smelting or roasting furnaces or ore reduction plants using cyanide or chemicals in a continuous process;
- (b.) The protection of property in and about a mine;
- (c.) Attending to any furnace, engine, boiler, or machinery so that the same may be in working order at the close of Sunday;
- (d.) Pumping or otherwise clearing a mine from water so that work may be resumed at the close of Sunday;
- (e.) Doing any work required by a dangerous emergency; or
- (f.) Doing work authorised by an Inspector of Mines, as hereinafter provided.

Power to Inspector to authorise Sunday labour in certain cases.

5. AN Inspector of Mines, on being satisfied that the employment of labour on a Sunday is necessary to avoid the risk of injury to a mine or its operations, may give authority for such employment by a writing, stating therein the reasons therefor, the number of workmen who may be so employed, the nature of their employment, and the period for which the authority shall extend.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.