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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an applicant for a mine
9 or fire boss foreman's certificate of competency
10 must meet certain qualifications.

11 This bill would further provide for the
12 qualifications.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 To amend Section 25-9-11 of the Code of Alabama
19 1975, relating to mines; to further provide for the
20 qualifications of mine or fire boss foremen.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 25-9-11 of the Code of Alabama
23 1975, is amended to read as follows:

24 "§25-9-11.

25 "Each applicant for a mine foreman's certificate of
26 competency shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

1 "(1) Be a citizen of the United States or, if not a
2 citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present
3 in the United States with appropriate documentation from the
4 federal government.

5 "(2) Be at least 23 years old.

6 "(3) Have had four years practical mining experience
7 or ~~have had three years~~ equivalent practical experience credit
8 ~~in or around coal mines and be a graduate of a school~~
9 ~~accredited by the American Association of Universities or have~~
10 ~~satisfactorily completed an associate degree program in mine~~
11 ~~technology at an approved state trade school or university.~~

12 "a. A graduate of a school accredited by the
13 American Association of Universities shall be considered the
14 equivalent of two years practical experience for mine foreman.

15 "b. A satisfactorily completed associate degree
16 program at an approved state trade school or university shall
17 be considered the equivalent of one year experience for mine
18 foreman.

19 "(4) Present with his or her application an
20 affidavit of his or her meeting the foregoing requirements and
21 of his or her good moral character and known temperate habits,
22 which affidavit shall be signed by three reputable citizens,
23 at least one of whom shall be the holder of a mine foreman's
24 certificate.

25 "(5) Present with his or her application an
26 affidavit that he or she is not a member of any political

1 party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the
2 government of the United States by force.

3 "(6) All applicants shall be able to read and write
4 proficiently the English language and shall furnish the
5 regulatory authority with a notarized statement from previous
6 employers detailing the length of service and type of work
7 performed in various mines."

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
9 first day of the third month following its passage and
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.