

REQUIRING A GUARD TO BE POSTED WHEN A MANHOLE IS ENTERED

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AN ACT

Requiring a guard to be posted when a manhole is entered; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; and authorizing said department to promulgate rules and regulations relating to manholes, and providing penalties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Any person whose duties require him to enter a manhole, or who allows another under his supervision to do so, without having a person act as a guard at the entrance to the manhole, or who violates any rules or regulations of the Department of Labor and Industry promulgated pursuant to this act, shall, upon summary conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50), and, in default of the payment thereof, undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding that ten days.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Department of Labor and Industry to enforce the provisions of this act, and to promulgate rules and regulations relating to manholes and protection of the public from the dangers thereof not inconsistent with the provisions of section 1 of this act. The Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power to inspect and enter any manhole to ensure compliance with this act or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and shall have the power to stop any operation involving the use of a manhole until the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are complied with.