Sec. 3. Arrangement and Numbering

Health and Safety Rules made by the Industrial Commission are divided into main divisions called "Parts," designated "Part A," "Part B," etc. Each "Part" is subdivided by chapters; each chapter is subdivided by sections, and each section is subdivided by rules. A separate series of numbers is used in numbering chapters of each "Part," sections of each chapter, and rules of each section. Where a rule consists of more than one paragraph, or where sub-paragraphs are used, such paragraphs and sub-paragraphs are appropriately designated to facilitate ready reference.

Sec. 4. Definitions

Rule 1. General Definitions: The following definitions shall apply in connection with all rules made by the Industrial Commission.

(a) The term "Health and Safety Act" shall mean the Health and Safety Act of the State of Illinois.

(b) The term "Industrial Commission" shall mean the Industrial Commission of the State of Illinois.

(c) The term "Department of Labor" shall mean the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

(d) The words "shall" or "must" where used in these rules are to be understood as mandatory.

Sec. 5. Interpretation of Rules

Rule 1. General Interpretations: The following interpretations shall apply in connection with all rules made by the Industrial Commission:

(a) These rules shall be interpreted liberally so as to effectuate their intent of providing reasonable protection to the lives, health and safety of employees within the scope authorized by statute.

(b) These rules shall be deemed to constitute minimum standards for providing reasonable protection to the lives, health and safety of persons employed in this State. Where protection equivalent or superior to that afforded by any applicable rule or rules made by the Industrial Commission is provided, such equivalent or superior protection shall be deemed compliance with such rules or rules.

(c) Nothing contained in these rules shall be interpreted as prohibiting any employer from enforcing additional safeguards or regulations for protection to the lives, health and safety of persons employed by such employer, provided such additional safeguards or regulations do not conflict with rules made by the Industrial Commission.

(d) Irrespective of any language in any of the following Parts to the contrary, all rules shall apply wherever the subject matter of such rules shall exist in all businesses, occupations or enterprises having employees.