

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
2

3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
4

5 Legislative Document

No. 1124

7 H.P. 861

House of Representatives, March 9, 1983

8 Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Representative Vose of
10 Eastport, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for con-
currence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brannigan of Portland.

Cosponsor: Representative Vose of Eastport.

11
12 STATE OF MAINE
13

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
16

17 AN ACT to Ensure the Safe Operation and
18 Installation of Boilers used by Electric
19 Utilities.
20

21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §178, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by
24 PL 1981, c. 348, §2, is further amended to read:

25 E. The board shall set the dates after September
26 1, 1977 when persons operating, supervising or
27 having charge of plants having a capacity of
28 under 5,000 #/HR shall be required to be li-
29 censed.

30 Those persons operating boilers exempted under
31 section 142 and those persons employed by compa-
32 nies under the jurisdiction of the Public Utili-
33 ties Commission or the United States Atomic

1 Energy Commission shall be exempt from the
2 licensing requirements of paragraphs A to E.

3 After October 3, 1973, all those holding State of
4 Maine stationary steam engineers' licenses shall
5 be allowed to renew their licenses without fur-
6 ther examination and, upon application, the board
7 shall convert a currently valid State of Maine
8 fireman's license to a boiler operator's license.

9 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2401-A, sub-§4, as enacted by
10 PL 1979, c. 569, §13, is amended to read:

11 4. Engineers and operators. A person holding an
12 engineer's license issued under Title 26, section
13 178, or working under the general supervision of one
14 so licensed while performing such oil or solid fuel
15 burner repair and maintenance as is necessary in the
16 steam or heating plant where he is employed, provided
17 such work is performed in compliance with section
18 2313 or a person employed by companies under the
19 jurisdiction of ~~the Public Utilities Commission or~~
20 the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission whose
21 facilities are subject to inspection under Title 26,
22 chapter 5, subchapter II, Article 4;

23 Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall take
24 effect January 1, 1984.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 In the course of an official investigation by the
27 Public Utilities Commission into the circumstances
28 surrounding a serious, yet avoidable, accident at the
29 Wyman Unit No. 4, it was learned that operators of
30 boilers owned by utilities are not required to be li-
31 censed. This bill corrects this situation and re-
32 quires operator licensing by the Board of Boiler
33 Rules and installation and repair licensing by the
34 Oil and Solid Fuel Board.

35 2494022383