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## ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 262

S. P. 117 In Senate, January 12, 1961 Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Porteous of Cumberland.

#### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

#### AN ACT Relating to Improper Operation of Steam Boilers.

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

R. S., c. 30, § 87-D, additional. Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 87-D, to read as follows:

'Sec. 87-D. Misconduct or gross neglect respecting steam boilers. Whoever, having charge of a boiler or other apparatus for generating steam, or other pressure vessel, through ignorance or gross neglect, creates or allows to be generated such a quantity of pressure as to break such boiler or other pressure vessel, apparatus or machinery connected therewith, or whoever intentionally loads or obstructs or causes to be loaded or obstructed in any way the safety valve of the boiler or other pressure vessel, or employs any other means or device whereby the boiler or other pressure vessel may be subjected to a greater pressure than the amount allowed by the inspector's certificate, or intentionally deranges or hinders the operation of any machinery or device employed to denote the stage of water or steam in any boiler or to give warning of approaching danger, or intentionally permits the water to fall below the prescribed low-water line of the boiler, or is directly or indirectly concerned therein, and thereby human life is destroyed, is guilty of manslaughter and shall be punished accordingly; and if human life is thereby endangered and not destroyed he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or by both.'