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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tuttle of Sanford.
Cosponsor: Representative Clark of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Boilers and Pressure Vessels and their Operation.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 178, sub-§ 1, ¶F, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 117, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 178, sub-§ 9, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 452, § 1, is amended to read:

9. Fees. The fees charged for examination and for licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be as follows:

A. License and license renewal fee for stationary steam engineers ~~\$20 and renewal fee \$15;~~

B. License and license renewal fee for boiler operators ~~\$15 and renewal fee \$10;~~

C. The board may charge a late fee of up to \$10 on all renewals for which it receives a renewal application up to 2 years after the expiration of the license under such rules as the board may adopt; and

D. Examination fee for engineers and operators shall be \$5.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA § 211, as amended by PL 1971, c. 51, § 4, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA § 212, first ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 345, § 1, is further amended to read:

No welder ~~performing welding work for hire~~ shall make ~~welding~~ welded repairs to any ~~steam vessel which carries a steam pressure of more than 15 pounds per square inch~~ boiler or pressure vessel covered by this subchapter, without first receiving authorization to do so from the Chief Inspector of Boilers or the authorized inspector employed by the insurance company responsible for the inspection of the boiler or pressure vessel. ~~This provision shall not apply to persons who hold certificates of standing authorization from the Board of Boilers Rules.~~

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §§ 216 and 217 are repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Section one repeals a "grandfather" provision governing the licensing of steam engineers and boiler operators. The provision has not been in effect since October 1978.

Section 2 accommodates the actual accounting process for examination and licensing of steam engineers and boiler operators. Currently, if an applicant fails his examination, \$15 of the license fee is refunded. The amendment provides a separate examination fee so that refunds will not be necessary.

Sections 3 and 5 repeal a requirement for the examination and certification of steam heating plant operators by municipal officers. Title 26, section 178 and the rules adopted by the Board of Boiler Rules already provided for the certification and licensing of personnel who operate boilers.

Section 4 assures that welded repairs to boilers or pressure vessels regulated by the State will be made by competent personnel. It also allows inspectors for insurance companies to authorize repairs so as to avoid any delay.