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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 301, L.D. 375, Bill, "An Act To Exempt Boilers in Municipalities and Schoolhouses from State Inspection Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Convene a Working Group To Review the Laws and Rules Governing Boilers'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the laws and rules governing the periodic inspections of boilers are critical to protecting Maine citizens from the danger of boilers failing and exploding; and

**Whereas,** the lack of uniformity in the State's regulation and inspection of boilers within public places should be reviewed to determine how to improve safety standards and the overall process for inspection of boilers throughout the State; and

**Whereas,** this resolve requires that a working group be convened in time for a report to be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a working group to review the laws and rules governing boilers.**

**Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall convene a working group with the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels as well as other interested parties to review the current lack of uniformity in the laws and rules governing boilers, to develop recommendations to resolve conflicts and improve the regulation of

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1 boilers and to consider options for expanding inspections of boilers located in public  
2 places; and be it further

3 **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That no later than January 15,  
4 2012 the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report of  
5 the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1 to the Joint  
6 Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. That  
7 committee is authorized to introduce a bill on the subject matter of the report to the  
8 Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

9 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
10 legislation takes effect when approved.'

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment replaces the bill with an emergency resolve directing the  
13 Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a working group with  
14 the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels as well as other interested parties to review the  
15 current lack of uniformity in the laws and rules governing boilers and to consider options  
16 for expanding inspections of boilers located in public places. The amendment requires  
17 the commissioner to submit a report no later than January 15, 2012 of the findings and  
18 recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor,  
19 Commerce, Research and Economic Development. It authorizes the Joint Standing  
20 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development to introduce a  
21 bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th  
22 Legislature.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



Approved: 04/26/11 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 375

LR 911(02)

**An Act To Exempt Boilers in Municipalities and Schoolhouses from State Inspection Requirements**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels within the Office of Licensing and Registration, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to conduct the required review and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.