

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 146.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT establishing and regulating the inspection of Steam  
Boilers and the licensing of Engineers.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Governor, with the advice of the Council, shall appoint in each congressional district an Inspector of stationary and portable steam boilers in use in this State, and their term of holding such position shall be for two years unless sooner discharged for inefficiency or other good reason ; and they shall, as often as once in each year, carefully inspect every stationary and portable steam boiler in his allotted district, and shall make a return of the result of such inspection to the Secretary of State of the State of Maine. If such boiler is found to be safe and

11 suitable for the uses assigned to it, there shall be forward-  
12 ed at once to the owner, agent or lessee of such boiler a  
13 certificate of inspection, giving in detail the size and  
14 general character of such boiler, with the maximum steam  
15 pressure per square inch that may be safely carried and  
16 maintained, and said certificate shall be put by the owner,  
17 agent or lessee of such boiler in some conspicuous place  
18 near such boiler or boilers.

SECT. 2. If the Inspector finds any boiler out of order,  
2 weak, defective or unsafe, he shall advise the owner,  
3 agent or lessee of such boiler as to the repairs necessary  
4 to put it in a proper condition, and the Inspector report  
5 the condition of the same to the Secretary of State. If  
6 such advice is disregarded by the owner, agent or lessee  
7 of such boiler, the Inspector shall call in the Inspector  
8 from an adjoining district, and if they agree that such  
9 boiler is not in a safe condition to run, they shall give  
10 written notice to the owner, agent or lessee not to use it  
11 until such repairs are made as said Inspectors shall specify ;  
12 or if they are of the opinion that it is utterly worthless,  
13 or that its use will endanger the public, shall forbid its  
14 further use. The cost of making such second inspection  
15 shall be the same as if no previous inspection had been  
16 made, and each Inspector shall be paid the same as though  
17 he had made a separate and individual inspection. All  
18 boilers that are inspected and insured by any boiler insur-  
19 ance and inspection company, not less than three inspec-  
20 tions a year, shall be exempt from the provisions of this  
21 act so far as relates to inspection of steam boilers.

SECT. 3. The fees for all inspections shall be paid directly to the Inspector by the owner, agent or lessee of the boiler or boilers inspected, immediately after such inspection is completed, and are as follows: All boilers under twenty horse power, four dollars each; all boilers between twenty and forty horse power, five dollars each; all boilers over forty horse power, six dollars for the first, and five dollars for every additional boiler, when set so that they are connected by steam pipes; and in addition thereto the actual traveling expenses to and from the residence or nearest neighboring boiler, of boilers situated in remote locations. The Inspector shall forward to the Secretary of State each day the results of his inspections, and for every boiler or set of boilers requiring a certificate, the Inspector shall pay to the Secretary of State the sum of fifty cents. Any Inspector who fails to make a report of such inspection within three days, or to remit the money due from him as often as once a month, shall have his license revoked and pay a fine of not less than three nor more than five hundred dollars.

SECT. 4. The four Inspectors shall be a board of examiners to determine the qualifications of applicants for licenses as engineers of stationary and portable engines and boilers, regarding their experience, knowledge of the business, and reputation for sobriety. The time and place for hearing applicants shall be as follows: At Bangor the first Monday in May of each year; at Augusta the first Thursday in May of each year; at Lewiston the second Monday in May of each year; at Portland the second

10 Thursday in May of each year ; and the board may adjourn  
11 from day to day in each place, if necessary, until all the  
12 cases are disposed of. All applicants that are considered  
13 by the board suitable men for such occupation, shall re-  
14 ceive from the Secretary of State a license to that effect ;  
15 said license to be in force for three years, unless re-  
16 voked by the Secretary of State for good reason, in  
17 which case notice to that effect shall be advertised in the  
18 most prominent paper published in the county where said  
19 engineer resides. The fee for a license shall be three  
20 dollars, to be sent to the Secretary of State on receipt of  
21 such license, to be by him turned into the State treasury.  
22 The compensation of the Inspectors for the time given to  
23 these examinations shall be the sum of three dollars per  
24 day and actual traveling expenses, to be paid from the  
25 State Treasury in accordance with the vouchers handed in  
26 by the chairman of the board.

SECT. 5. Any owner, agent or lessee of stationary or  
2 portable engines or boilers, or of steamboats plying on  
3 the rivers, lakes or streams in this State, who employs  
4 any man as engineer of such engine or boiler, that has  
5 not in his possession a license, then in force, given by  
6 the Secretary of State by advice and authority of this  
7 board, shall pay a fine of not less than five hundred nor  
8 more than one thousand dollars, one half for the benefit  
9 of the State, the other half to the person making the  
10 complaint.

SECT. 6. The preceding sections shall not apply to  
2 cities and towns already having municipal regulation re-

3 garding the inspections of boilers, nor to engineers who  
4 are required by the United States government marine  
5 regulations to be licensed engineers.

SECT. 7. This act shall take affect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

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