

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 262.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

*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, excepting those used in private residences, 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

11 Maine. If such boiler is found to be safe and suitable
12 for the uses assigned to it, there shall be forwarded at
13 once to the owner, agent or lessee of such boiler a certi-
14 ficate of inspection, giving in detail the size and general
15 character of such boiler, with the maximum steam pres-
16 sure per square inch that may be safely carried and
17 maintained, and said certificate shall be put by the owner,
18 agent or lessee of such boiler in some conspicuous place
19 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 which has complied with the
20 insurance laws of the State and has paid the license fees,
21 not less than three inspections a year, shall be exempt

22 from the provisions of this act so far as relates to inspec-
23 tion of steam boilers.

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

SECT. 4. The inspectors shall be a board of examiners
2 to determine the qualifications of applicants for licenses
3 as engineers of stationary and portable engines and boilers,
4 regarding their experience, knowledge of the business,
5 and reputation for sobriety. The time and place for
6 hearing applicants shall be as follows: At Bangor the first
7 Monday in May of each year; at Augusta the first Thurs-
8 day in May of each year; at Lewiston the second Monday

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

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

SECT. 6. The preceding sections shall not apply to
2 cities and towns already having municipal regulation regard-
3 ing the inspections of boilers, nor to engineers who are

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4 required by the United States government marine regula-
5 tions to be licensed engineers.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 13, 1891. }

Tabled pending acceptance of report, by Mr. MARSTON of Skowhegan, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*