

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 42

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT for the protection of life and property against loss
or damage from Steam Boilers and Steam Machinery oper-
ated by incompetent persons.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to have
2 charge of or to operate a steam boiler or engine in this
3 State, except locomotive boilers and engines, boilers in
4 private residences, boilers under the jurisdiction of the
5 United States and boilers used for agricultural purposes
6 exclusively or of less than eight horse power, unless he
7 holds a license as hereinafter provided; and it shall be un-
8 lawful for any owner or user of any steam boiler or engine,

9 other than those above excepted, to operate or cause to be
10 operated a steam boiler or engine for a period of more
11 than one week without a duly licensed engineer or fireman
12 in charge.

Sect. 2. Any person desiring to act as an engineer or fire-
2 man shall make application to so act to an examiner of
3 engineers, upon blanks furnished by the examiner, and if
4 upon examination the applicant is found trustworthy and
5 competent a license shall be granted to said applicant to
6 have charge of or to operate such steam plants as the exam-
7 iner may find him qualified to have in keeping. Such license
8 shall continue in force for one year, unless after proper
9 hearing it is sooner revoked, for intoxication or other suffi-
10 cient cause, and may be renewed each year on application
11 to the authority granting the same, or at such time as may
12 be determined by said authority.

Sect. 3. Licenses shall be granted according to the com-
2 petency of the applicant, and shall be divided into classes
3 as follows: First class. Engineer's licenses of this class
4 shall be unlimited as to horse power. Second class. Engi-
5 neer's licenses of this class shall be limited to two hundred
6 and fifty horse power. Third class. Engineer's licenses of
7 this class shall be limited to one hundred and fifty horse
8 power. A fireman's license shall be issued to any person
9 who, after having passed an examination as herein pro-
10 vided, shall have been found competent to take charge of
11 or to operate any steam boiler or boilers. Any person

12 desiring to operate any particular steam boiler may so
13 state to the examiner, and he shall be examined as to his
14 fitness to operate that particular plant, and if found com-
15 petent and trustworthy shall be granted a license, termed
16 a special license, for that particular plant, and such license
17 shall be in force for one year.

Sect. 4. The fee for examination of applicants for license
2 shall be three dollars to be paid as hereinafter provided
3 and for each renewal of license a fee of one dollar (\$1.00)
4 shall be paid.

Sect. 5. When upon examination an application is ap-
2 proved by the examiner in writing upon the back thereof,
3 the same shall be forwarded with the required fee to the
4 State treasurer who shall forward to the applicant his
5 license. Said license framed under glass to be posted in
6 a conspicuous place.

Sect. 6. It shall be the duty of the examiner to notify any
2 person operating a boiler or engine mentioned in section
3 one, and not included among the exceptions therein speci-
4 fied, to apply for a license under this act and to give such
5 person a reasonable opportunity to take an examination
6 therefor within the town or city within which he is engaged
7 in operating such boiler or engine. The examiner shall
8 approve his application or shall notify the applicant of his
9 rejection within forty-eight hours after his examination.

Sect. 7. Whoever, after being notified, violates the pro-
2 vision of section one of this act shall be punished by fine

3 not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment
4 not exceeding three months.

Sect. 8. The governor with the advice and consent of the
2 council, shall appoint a chief examiner of engineers of suit-
3 able qualifications and practical knowledge, who shall con-
4 tinue in office five years, unless sooner removed for good
5 cause, and may be reappointed at the expiration of his term.
6 Said chief examiner shall appoint three assistants of like
7 qualifications and knowledge, who shall reside and examine
8 applicants in the other three congressional districts in which
9 the chief examiner does not reside and so examine.

Sect. 9. The examiner shall have charge in their several
2 districts of all boilers and their attachments, such as water
3 columns, gauge cocks, glass gauges, valves, blow offs, safety
4 valves, lever and balls, etc., and if any examiner should find
5 any attachment on any boiler that he deems unsafe he shall
6 order the same removed and the proper attachments replaced
7 as he deems necessary.

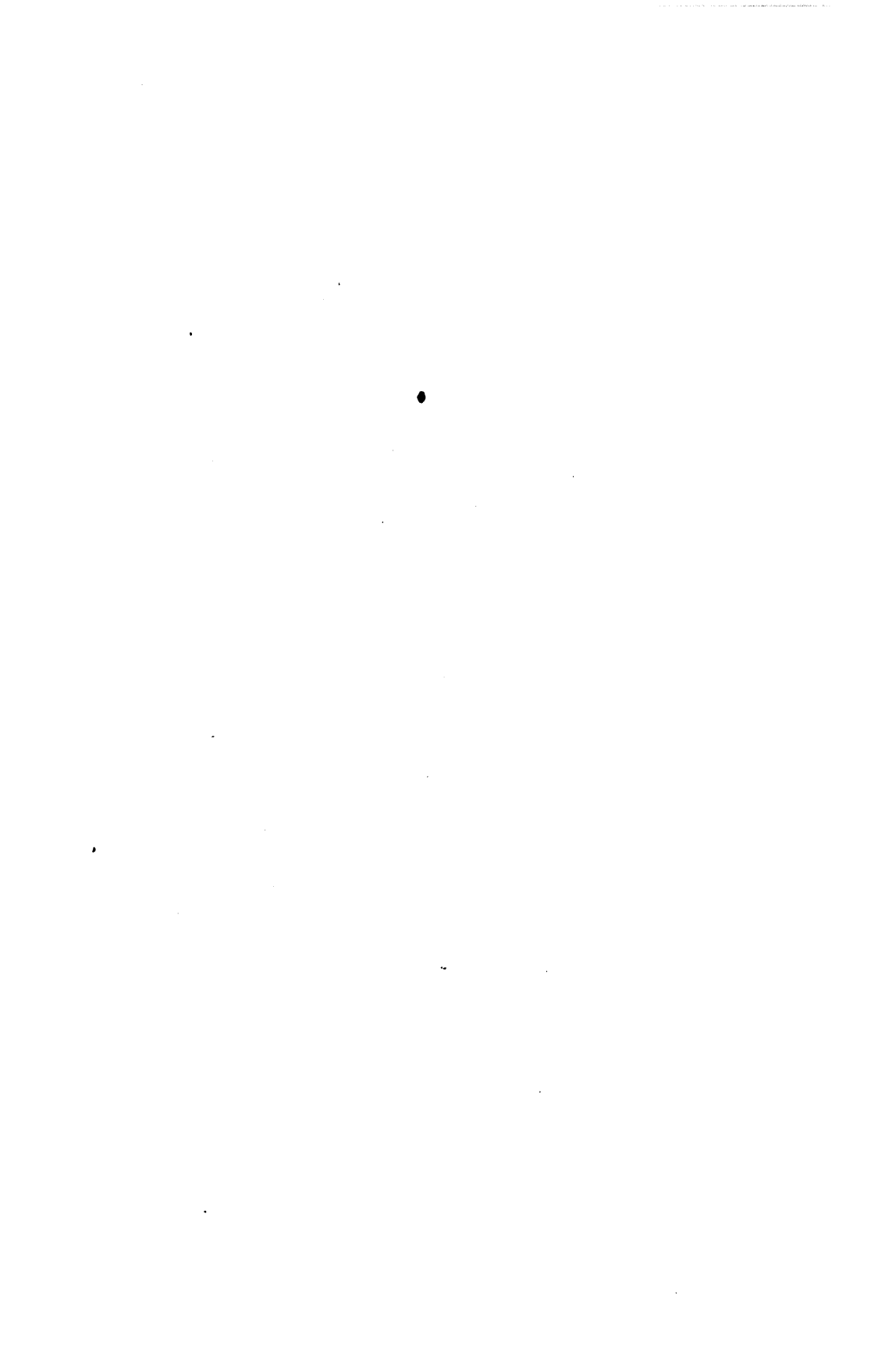
Sect. 10. The chief examiner and his assistants shall each
2 receive from the State three dollars a day for the time
3 actually employed under this chapter, and their actual travel-
4 ing expenses, to be audited by the governor and council.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect on the first day of
2 August in the year nineteen hundred and nine, and any
3 person applying for a license as engineer or fireman on or
4 before the date shall be deemed to have complied with the

5 provisions of this act until his application is passed upon or
6 rejected by the proper authorities.

Chapter 82 of the Public Laws of 1907 is hereby repealed.





STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

January 20, 1909.

Presented by Mr. WHEELER of Cumberland, and on motion by Mr. SMITH of York, tabled for printing pending reference.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.