

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 110

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wilson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the Protection of Life and Property in Cities of
Over 40,000 Population, Against Loss or Damage from Steam
Boilers or Steam Machinery Operated by Incompetent Per-
sons.

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

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the municipal officers
2 annually in the month of April, or as soon as practical there-
3 after, to appoint an examiner of steam engineers and fire-
4 men who has had not less than five years' practical experi-
5 ence operating boilers and engines. Said examiner shall
6 have power to appoint two assistants.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons
2 to operate a steam plant where the services of an engineer
3 or fireman are required, excepting those plants in dwelling
4 houses and apartment houses, without first obtaining a cer-
5 tificate of competency from said examiner.

Any person intending to operate a steam plant must first
2 make application in writing to the city clerk, who will notify
3 him in writing when to appear for examination.

Sect. 3. Licenses shall be granted as follows:

First grade, horse power unlimited.

Second grade, limited to five hundred horse power.

Third grade, limited to two hundred horse power.

Special grade, limited to night firemen in charge of boilers,
2 engineers handling donkey, hoisting and steam roller en-
3 gines, and to those in charge of direct low pressure heating
4 plants. A special license shall state for what purpose such
5 license is issued and the location of the plant.

An engineer or fireman who has been granted a second
2 grade certificate may operate a plant as specified in the first
3 grade under direction of an engineer or fireman who has
4 been granted a first grade certificate, and an engineer or
5 fireman who has been granted a third grade certificate may
6 operate a plant as specified in the second grade under direc-
7 tion of an engineer or fireman who has been granted a second
8 grade certificate.

Sect. 4. An examiner's fee of two dollars for every appli-
2 cant shall be paid to the city clerk when application is made.

It shall be the duty of the city clerk to forward all applications to the examiner with the fee for the same.

It shall be the duty of the examiner to examine the plant to be operated by the applicant and to examine all applicants in writing, and he shall issue under his hand a certificate in the following form if the applicant is of temperate habits and has suitable competency:

STATE OF MAINE.

This is to certify that.....having made application to the city clerk for permission to take charge of and to operate a steam plant, and having produced evidence of his competency to act in said capacity asI have issued to him this certificate as approved by law this.....day of.....

Said certificate when issued shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and said clerk shall issue and deliver to said applicant a duly attested copy of said certificate; and the copy so issued shall be posted by the holder thereof in a conspicuous place in or near the boiler room of the boilers to be operated.

Sect. 5. The term of certificate shall be one year from date granted unless revoked as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 6. When an engineer or fireman shall apply for a renewal of his license for the same grade, the presentation of the attested copy of the original certificate shall be considered sufficient evidence of his title to renewal; which certificate shall be retained by the inspector upon the off-

6 cial files as the evidence upon which the license was re-
7 newed, provided it is presented within one month after date
8 of its expiration and the fee of one dollar paid unless such
9 license has been forfeited or facts shall have come to the
10 knowledge of the inspector which would render a renewal
11 improper. In case of loss or destruction of applicant's copy
12 the city clerk may, by direction of the examiner, issue to
13 the applicant a duplicate attested copy.

Sect. 7. When the examiner receives notice in writing
2 signed by ten or more residents stating that the person in
3 charge of a steam plant is incompetent for the discharge
4 of such duties, or by reason of negligence, intemperance or
5 any other cause, ought not longer to remain in charge of
6 such steam plant, it shall be the duty of said examiner to
7 immediately suspend temporarily the authority of such per-
8 son to act in said capacity until the investigation herein
9 provided can be made, and shall cause a person qualified
10 as provided in this act to be placed in charge of said steam
11 plant. And said examiner shall, as soon thereafter as pos-
12 sible, cause an investigation to be made and inquire into
13 the habits and qualifications of the person so complained
14 of; and if such person is, for any reason, found to be in-
15 competent or unsuitable to longer remain in charge of said
16 steam plant, said examiner shall immediately cause the cer-
17 tificate granted under the provisions of this act to be re-
18 voked and notice of such revocation shall be filed with the
19 city clerk; and thereupon said examiner shall give the per-

20 son or corporation having control of such plant notice of
21 these findings. And if such person or corporation having
22 control of such steam plant shall, after the receipt of such
23 finding, neglect or refuse to cause said steam plant to be
24 placed in charge of some person qualified under the pro-
25 visions of this act, such person or corporation shall be sub-
26 ject to the penalties provided in section 8, of this act.

Sect. 8. Any engineer who has operated a boiler and en-
2 gine in any particular plant for five consecutive years and
3 who shall produce a satisfactory statement from this em-
4 ployer to that effect, shall be entitled to a license to operate
5 the boiler and engine in this particular plant where he is
6 employed, without examination, and upon payment of the
7 fees prescribed for the granting of licenses by examination.

Sect. 9. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall
2 be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.