

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 161

House of Representatives, February 18, 1921.

One thousand copies ordered printed and the bill recommitted to Committee on Legal Affairs.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Murray of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Sections one, two, three, seven and eight of Chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen relative to the licensing of steam engineers and firemen.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen
3 is hereby amended by adding after the word "engines" in
4 the last line thereof, the following clause: 'and who holds
5 a first class certificate', so that said section as amended shall
6 read as follows :

'Section 1. The municipal officers of cities and towns of
2 over forty thousand inhabitants shall annually in the month
3 of April, or as soon as practical thereafter, appoint an ex-
4 aminer of steam engineers and firemen who has had not
5 less than five years practical experience operating boilers
6 and engines and who holds a first class certificate.'

Sect. 2. Section two of chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section
4 and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said
5 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. No person shall have charge of or operate a
2 steam boiler or engine except boilers used in dwelling
3 houses, apartment houses and buildings where steam pres-
4 sure does not exceed fifteen pounds to the square inch, un-
5 less he holds a license as hereinafter provided. The owner
6 or user of a steam boiler or engine, other than boilers and
7 engines above excepted, shall not operate or cause to be
8 operated a steam boiler or engine for a period of more than
9 one week, unless the person in charge of and operating it is
10 duly licensed.

Any person who desires to act as engineer or fireman shall
2 make application in writing to the city clerk, who will
3 notify him in writing when to appear for examination.

Sect. 3. Section three of chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section

4 and inserting in place thereof the following section so that
5 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. Licenses shall be granted as follows:

First grade, boiler horse power unlimited.

Second grade, limited to five hundred boiler horse power.

Third grade, limited to two hundred boiler horse power.

The horse power of a boiler shall be ascertained upon the
2 basis of three horse power for each square foot of grate
3 surface.

Special grade, limited to engineers and firemen operating
2 some special steam plant.

A special license shall state for what purpose such license
2 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 specified in the first
3 grade under direction of an engineer or fireman who has
4 been granted a first grade certificate.

An engineer or fireman who has been granted a third grade
2 certificate may operate a plant as specified in the second
3 grade under the direction of an engineer or fireman who has
4 been granted a second grade certificate.

A fireman's license shall not entitle the holder to take
2 charge of any steam plant where the steam pressure ex-
3 ceeds twenty-five pounds per square inch.

Engineers handling donkey, hoisting and steam roller
2 engines shall require a third grade license.

This act shall not apply to buildings owned by the United
2 States Government.'

Sect. 4. Section seven of chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten" in
4 the second line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the
5 word 'two' and by striking out all of said section after the
6 word "act" in the twenty-fourth line thereof, so that said
7 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. When the examiner receives notice in writing
2 signed by two or more residents of the city or town where
3 the steam plant in question is located, stating that in their
4 opinion the person in charge of such steam plant is incom-
5 petent to discharge his duties, or by reason of negligence,
6 intemperance or other cause, such person ought not to
7 longer remain in charge of such steam plant, the said ex-
8 aminer may temporarily suspend the authority of such per-
9 son to act in said capacity until the investigation and hear-
10 ing as provided can be made, provided, however, that said
11 certificate shall not be permanently revoked until the said
12 examiner shall have given a hearing to the person against
13 whom a complaint has been filed, and shall have given him
14 a written copy of said complaint at least forty-eight hours
15 before said hearing is to be held, said examiner shall imme-
16 diately cause an investigation to be made as to the habits
17 and qualifications of the person so complained of; and if
18 such person is found incompetent to remain in charge of
19 said steamplant, said examiner shall cause the certificate
20 granted under the provisions of this act to be revoked, and

21 notice of such revocation shall be filed with the city clerk.
22 If the examiner shall, after hearing, revoke said license, he
23 shall then give the person or corporation having control of
24 such plant, notice of his findings. If, after the receipt of
25 such notice, the person or corporation having control of such
26 plant shall neglect or refuse to cause said steam plant to be
27 placed in charge of some person qualified under the pro-
28 visions of this act within a reasonable time thereafter, such
29 person or corporation shall be subject to the penalties pro-
30 vided in section nine of this act.'

Sect. 5. Section eight of chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section
4 and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said
5 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. Any engineer or fireman who has operated a
2 steam plant for one year and who shall produce satisfactory
3 evidence of the same, shall be entitled to a special license to
4 operate said steam plant and none other without examina-
5 tion, upon payment of the fees prescribed for the granting
6 of licenses by examination, and the examiner shall be al-
7 lowed to visit any or all steam plants whenever he deems it
8 necessary.'