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State Park rangers, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall emit a blue beam of light.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 2, 1973

CHAPTER 32

AN ACT Relating to Assistance to Blind Persons in Marking Absentee Ballots.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 1254, sub-§ 7, additional. Section 1254 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 7 to read as follows:

7. **Blindness.** A voter who is blind may obtain assistance in marking his ballot from 2 persons, not of the same political faith, but may be of the same political faith at primary elections, or father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife or child as he may select, providing that said aides are of voting age.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 33

AN ACT Revising the Boiler Law to Include Certain Pressure Vessels.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, § 141, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 141 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

2. **Code.** "Code" shall mean the ~~power~~ boiler and pressure vessel code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 26, § 142, amended. Section 142 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 55 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

This subchapter shall not apply to the following pressure vessels:

1. **Federal control.** Pressure vessels which are under federal control;
2. **Certain gases.** Pressure vessels used for the transportation and storage of compressed or liquefied gases when constructed in compliance with specifications of the United States Department of Transportation;

3. Vehicles. Pressure vessels located on vehicles operating under the rules of other state authorities and used for carrying passengers or freight;

4. Railroad right-of-way. Pressure vessels installed on the right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the operation of trains;

5. Agriculture. Pressure vessels used solely for agricultural purposes on farms;

6. Apartments and private homes. Pressure vessels located in private residences and apartment houses with less than 6 apartments;

7. Certain pressure. Pressure vessels having an internal or external operating pressure not exceeding 15 pounds per square inch;

8. Water capacity. Pressure vessels with a normal water containing capacity of 120 gallons or less for containing water under pressure, including those containing air, the compression of which serves only as a cushion;

9. Water heated. Pressure vessels containing water heated by steam or any other direct or indirect means when none of the following limitations are exceeded:

A. A heat input of 200,000 British thermal units per hour;

B. A water temperature of 200° Fahrenheit;

C. A normal water containing capacity of 120 gallons;

10. Excess. Pressure vessels that do not exceed:

A. Five cubic feet in volume and 250 pounds per square inch gauge pressure; or

B. One and one-half cubic feet in volume and 600 pounds per square inch gauge pressure; or

C. An inside diameter of 6 inches with no limitation on pressure;

11. Circuit breaker. Pressure vessels that are used as an integral part of a circuit breaker or transformer.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 26, § 173, amended. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 173 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 51 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The board shall formulate rules for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, use and operation of boilers and pressure vessels in this State.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 26, § 173, amended. The 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 173 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by sec-

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tion 2 of chapter 51 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Any change in the rules which would raise the standards governing the methods of construction of new boilers and pressure vessels or the quality of material used in them shall not become effective until 6 months after the date of adoption of such change in the rules.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 26, § 174, amended. Section 174 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 51 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 174. Installation of new boilers and pressure vessels

No new boiler or pressure vessel which does not conform to the rules formulated by the Board of Boiler Rules governing new installations shall be installed in this State.

All new boilers and pressure vessels unless otherwise exempt to be installed shall be inspected during construction by an inspector authorized to inspect boilers in this State, or, if constructed outside the State, by an inspector holding a certificate of authority from the chief inspector of this State or an inspector who holds a certificate of inspection issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 26, § 213, amended. The first paragraph of section 213 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No ~~steam boiler or unfired steam~~ pressure vessel that has been condemned for further use in this or any other state by an authorized boiler inspector employed by an insurance company or by an inspector authorized to inspect boilers by a state or the Federal Government shall be installed or operated in this State ~~at a gauge pressure of over 15 pounds. Each steam boiler or unfired steam pressure vessel located in a schoolhouse or owned by a municipality, if condemned, shall not be operated.~~

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 26, § 214, amended. The first paragraph of section 214 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13 of chapter 620 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Every ~~steam boiler or unfired steam~~ pressure vessel condemned in this State shall be stamped in the following manner, "XXX Me.," and the bureau shall immediately be notified of such condemnation.

Sec. 8. R. S., T. 26, § 215, amended. Section 215 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13 of chapter 620 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 215. Registration; stamping

No ~~steam boiler or unfired steam~~ pressure vessel subjected to a pressure of ~~over 15 pounds to the square inch~~, except those exempt under section 142, shall be operated in this State unless such boiler ~~or unfired steam pressure vessel~~ shall have been registered in the office of the bureau upon blanks to be furnished by said bureau upon request, such blanks to contain information

regarding maker's name, type of construction, date of construction, age, location and when last inspected, and such other information as may be required by said bureau.

No pressure vessel except those exempt under section 142 shall be installed and operated in this State after June 30, 1974, unless it has been constructed, inspected and stamped in conformity with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Code, section VIII and is registered with and approved by the board.

A pressure vessel which does not bear the ASME stamping may be registered with and approved by the board, provided the person desiring to install the vessel shall make application to the board and shall file a copy of the manufacturer's data report or a copy of the construction details together with material specifications for review and approval prior to installation.

After a ~~steam~~ boiler or pressure vessel has been registered in the bureau said bureau shall furnish, and the owner or user shall stamp or have stamped a number as given, on the shell of the boiler in the space commonly used for such purposes, with letters and figures not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch high. Any person, firm or corporation who fails to so stamp or obliterates or covers such numbers shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

Whoever fails to so register any ~~steam~~ boiler or pressure vessel or ~~unfired steam pressure vessel~~ shall be punished by a fine of \$10.

In case a boiler or ~~unfired steam~~ pressure vessel, subject to this section, is moved from one location to another, notice shall be given the bureau of such removal and of the new location in which the boiler or pressure vessel is to be set up.

~~This section shall not apply to boilers subject to federal inspection and control, or to boilers used in steamboats, or those under the control of the Public Utilities Commission or boilers used in automotive vehicles.~~

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 34

AN ACT Relating to Inspection Methods and Frequencies of Steel Hot Water Heating Boilers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, § 244, amended. The first sentence of section 244 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Each ~~steam~~ boiler used or proposed to be used within this State ~~and all hot water supply and hot water heating boilers located in schoolhouses, and all boilers owned by municipalities~~ except boilers exempt under section 142, shall be thoroughly inspected ~~while not under pressure~~ by the chief inspector or by one of the deputy inspectors or authorized inspectors, as to its design, construction, installation, condition and operation.