

LEGISLATIVE BILL 481

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Introduced by Labor Committee, R. Maresh, 32, Chmn.; F. Carstens, 30; Kime, 43; Cavanaugh, 9; Dickinson, 31; Kennedy, 21; Kelly, 35

AN ACT to amend section 48-702, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, relating to boilers; to eliminate hydrostatic testing of boilers; to require that boilers be certified as to their safety; to provide mandatory inspections of engines to be operated at a public show; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 48-702, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, be amended to read as follows:

48-702. It shall be the duty of the state boiler inspector to inspect or cause to be inspected internally and externally at least once every twelve months all steam boilers, tanks, jacket kettles, generators, and other appurtenances used in this state for generating steam under pressure of more than fifteen pounds per square inch for power or for heating purposes, in order to determine whether said equipment is in a safe and satisfactory condition and properly constructed and maintained for the purpose for which the same is used. No such unit shall be operated without valid and current certification pursuant to rules as prescribed by the Department of Labor and filed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 84, article 9. The owner of any boiler installed after the effective date of this act shall file a manufacturer's data report covering the construction of such boiler with the state boiler inspector. Such reports shall be used to assist the chief inspector in the certification of equipment. No steam boiler, tank, jacket kettle, generator, or antique engine shall be operated at any type of public gathering or show without first being inspected and certified as to its safety by the state boiler inspector. All boilers operating above fifty pounds per square inch pressure, regardless of age or size, and being used exclusively for amusement purposes or on exhibitions where they may be operated among a group of people, shall be hydrostatically tested every five years. The hydrostatic test shall consist of filling the boiler with water and applying pressure. To be approved for operation, the boiler must withstand a pressure of fifty per cent more

~~than the predetermined operating pressure without showing signs of undue fatigue or strain.~~ Antique engines with boilers may be brought into the state from other states without inspection, but inspection as provided in this section must be made and the boiler certified as safe before being operated.

Sec. 2. That original section 48-702, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, is repealed.