

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS OF STEAM BOILERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That there shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent
2 of the Senate, two boiler inspectors, who shall hold their office for two years, subject how-
3 ever, to be removed by the Governor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Said
4 term of office shall commence on the first day of April each even numbered year. Said
5 inspectors shall have a theoretical and practical knowledge of the machinery and boilers
6 used in operating stationary and portable engines; and said inspectors before entering on
7 the duties of his or their office shall take oath or affirmation to discharge the same faith-
8 fully and impartially, which oath or affirmation shall be endorsed upon his commission,
9 and his commission so endorsed shall be forthwith recorded in the office of the Secretary of
10 State, and such inspectors shall give bond each in the sum of two thousand dollars, with the
11 sureties to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their
12 duties as such inspector or inspectors. Said inspectors shall give all of their time, if neces-
13 sary, and their attention to the duties of their office and shall examine each and every
14 steam boiler connected with each and every portable or stationary steam engine run or
15 operated in the State of Iowa once in each week, but must not unnecessarily impede or
16 obstruct the workings of said machinery; and it shall be lawful for said inspectors or
17 inspector as the case may be, to enter on said works or place where said machinery and
18 boiler is situated either by day or by night and examine the same and inquire into the con-
19 dition of said boiler as to safety, and the owners and agents of said owners of said boilers or
20 those having them in charge are hereby to give said inspector all the assistance in making
21 the examination and inspection they can. And said inspector making said examination
22 shall at the time of making said inspection make a record of the time, place, the kind of a
23 boiler inspected and the circumstances under which said inspection was made in a record to
24 be furnished by him for that purpose and kept by him at his office, which shall be open at
25 all times when said inspector is at his office for general inspection, and no person having
26 any interest in any boiler or machinery, nor that is employed in the management of any
27 machinery shall be qualified to serve as such inspector. Said inspector or inspectors shall
28 receive for each and every inspection of a portable or steam boiler the sum of three (3) dol-
29 lars, to be paid by the owner or person then operating said boiler. If the same be then

30 leased at the time said boiler is inspected then the same shall be paid by the lessee; and if
31 not paid by said lessee within ten days after said inspection is made by said inspector then
32 the owner of said boiler shall pay the same; and if the owner of said boiler shall fail to pay
33 for said inspection within fifteen days after notice served on him, or in the case said boiler
34 is condemned and declared by said inspector unsafe, then said inspector shall notify said
35 operator of said boiler and engineer to not fire up or raise steam on said boiler, and any
36 person disobeying said order of said inspector shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
37 conviction for each offense shall pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hun-
38 dred dollars and shall stand committed until said fine and costs are paid. That it shall be
39 the duty of said inspector after having made an inspection of any boiler to write out and
40 give to the owner or operator as the case may be, a certificate showing the condition of said
41 boiler, which certificate shall be signed by him as inspector, and should any employe of
42 any person who is engaged in running any machinery, whether stationary or portable,
43 after receiving a certificate from the inspector stating that his or their boiler is unsafe,
44 then said owner or operator shall be liable to any employe or to his legal representatives
45 engaged or employed at work for the then owner or operator as the case may be, for all
46 damages that he or they may sustain by any accident or explosion caused by the running
47 and operating of said boiler after the same has been declared unsafe by said inspector.
48 And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa that it shall be
49 the duty of said inspector or inspectors to examine the engineer in charge of or that
50 wishes to engage in the business of engineer of any portable or stationary steam engine
51 touching his qualifications as an engineer, and if the said inspector shall find the said
52 person duly qualified to run and operate a portable or stationary steam engine, then he
53 shall issue to said person or persons a license showing that they have passed an examina-
54 tion and are duly authorized to engage in running and operating said class of engines, and
55 said engineer or applicant shall pay to said inspector before entering on to the duties of an
56 engineer for said examination and certificate the sum of two dollars, and any owner or
57 operator of a stationary or portable steam engine that shall employ any person to run or
58 operate any steam engine, either stationary or portable, that shall not have first passed
59 inspection and received his license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction for
60 said offenses for each day the person runs said engine without being duly licensed the said
61 owner or operator shall pay a fine of twenty dollars per day and shall stand committed
62 until the same is paid, and any owner or operator of any steam engine, stationary or porta-
63 ble, shall be liable for any accident that may grow out of the fault or neglect of the
64 engineer in charge when not licensed, and it shall only be necessary for the person that
65 brings the action for the injuries so done to prove that said engineer was not licensed in
66 order for him to recover.