

No. 72

AN ACT

SB 838

Amending the act of May 2, 1929 (P.L.1513), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the construction, equipment, maintenance, operation and inspection of boilers and unfired pressure vessels; granting certain authority to and imposing certain duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; providing penalties for violations of this act; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act," changing certain definitions and revising the inspection requirements for boilers and unfired pressure vessels.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (1) of section 1, act of May 2, 1929 (P.L.1513), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the construction, equipment, maintenance, operation and inspection of boilers and unfired pressure vessels; granting certain authority to and imposing certain duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; providing penalties for violations of this act; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act," amended July 12, 1957 (P.L.822), is amended to read:

Section 1. Definitions.—Be it enacted, &c., As used in this act,

(1) "Boiler" shall mean any closed vessel [or vessels intended for use in heating water or other liquids or for generating steam or other vapors] *in which water is heated, steam is generated, steam is superheated, or any combination thereof*, under pressure or vacuum, *for use externally to itself*, by the direct application of heat from [any source, including combustible fuels,] *the combustion of fuels, or from* electricity, or nuclear energy [and as further defined in rules and regulations of the department]. *The term boiler shall include fired vessels for heating or vaporizing liquids other than water where these vessels are separate from processing systems and are complete within themselves.*

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Section 2. Subsection (c) of section 4.1 of the act, added December 22, 1959 (P.L.2007), is amended to read:

Section 4.1. Field Inspection.—

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(c) [(1) Every boiler shall be inspected, both internally and externally, while not under pressure, at least once in every twelve months, and while under operating conditions, at least once in every twelve months: Provided, That under extenuating circumstances a grace period not to exceed sixty days may be permitted by the department.

(2) Miniature boilers shall be inspected at least once in every twelve months.

(3) Unfired] *Boilers, miniature boilers and unfired* pressure vessels shall be inspected as required by the rules and regulations of the

department, except that in no case shall regular inspections be required more than once in every twelve months. **[Where unfired pressure vessels containing noncorrosive substances are buried underground they shall be inspected in accordance with special requirements set forth in regulations of the department for such vessels.]** *Such rules and regulations may classify boilers, miniature boilers and unfired pressure vessels by types and prescribe differing inspection frequencies and inspection requirements for each type.*

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of March, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 72.


Secretary of the Commonwealth.