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Bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts State Branch International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers relative to the inspection of boilers of locomotives not owned by railroad corporations. Mercantile Affairs. January 18.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Inspection of Boilers of Railroad Locomotives.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Amend section one of chapter four hundred and sixty-  
2 five, acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, as  
3 amended by chapter five hundred and sixty-three, acts  
4 of the year nineteen hundred and eight, and chapter  
5 three hundred and ninety-three, acts of the year nine-  
6 teen hundred and nine, and chapter five hundred and  
7 thirty-one, acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve,  
8 by inserting after the word "locomotives", in line two,  
9 the words: — owned and operated by railroad corpora-  
10 tions", so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* All steam  
11 boilers and their appurtenances, except boilers of rail-

12 road locomotives owned and operated by railroad corpora-  
13 tions, motor road vehicles, boilers in private residences,  
14 boilers in public buildings and in apartment houses used  
15 solely for heating, and carrying pressures not exceeding  
16 fifteen pounds per square inch, and having less than four  
17 square feet of grate surface, boilers of not more than  
18 three horse power, boilers used for horticultural and  
19 agricultural purposes exclusively, and boilers under the  
20 jurisdiction of the United States, shall be thoroughly  
21 inspected internally and externally at intervals of not  
22 over one year, and no person shall operate or cause to  
23 be operated any boiler not exempted by the provisions  
24 of this section until the boiler has been inspected as  
25 hereinafter provided, nor until the certificate of inspec-  
26 tion as hereinafter provided has been issued and so  
27 placed as to be easily read in the engine or boiler room of  
28 the plant where the boiler is located, except that such  
29 certificate of inspection for a portable boiler shall be kept  
30 on the premises and shall be accessible at all times; and  
31 no person shall operate or cause to be operated any  
32 boiler not exempted by the provisions of this section at  
33 pressures in excess of the safe working pressure stated  
34 in the certificate of inspection hereinafter mentioned,  
35 which pressure is to be ascertained by rules established  
36 by the board of boiler rules, to be appointed as herein-  
37 after provided; and shall be equipped with such appli-  
38 ances to insure safety of operation as shall be prescribed  
39 by said board. All such boilers installed after January  
40 first, nineteen hundred and eight, shall be so inspected  
41 when installed. A boiler in this commonwealth at the  
42 time of the passage of this act, which does not conform to  
43 the rules of construction formulated by the board of  
44 boiler rules may be installed after a thorough internal  
45 and external inspection and hydrostatic pressure test

46 by a member of the boiler inspection department of the  
47 district police, or by an inspector holding a certificate  
48 of competency as an inspector of steam boilers, as pro-  
49 vided by section six of chapter four hundred and sixty-  
50 five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven,  
51 and employed by the company insuring the boiler. The  
52 pressure allowed on such boilers is to be ascertained by  
53 rules formulated by the board of boiler rules. No  
54 certificate of inspection shall be granted on any boiler  
55 installed after May first, nineteen hundred and eight  
56 which does not conform to the rules formulated by the  
57 board of boiler rules.

