

HOUSE No. 247.

[Rejection, recommended by Committee on Manufactures, negatived.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT

For the Appointment of Inspectors of Steam-Boilers.

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

1 SECT. 1. There shall be appointed by the govern-
2 or one or more persons for each of the congressional
3 districts of this state, who shall be inspectors of steam-
4 boilers used for manufacturing and mechanical pur-
5 poses and for heating buildings, except such as are
6 used for heating private dwellings; and they shall
7 have the powers and perform the duties hereinafter
8 specified, and shall hold office for three years from
9 the date of their appointment.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said
2 inspectors shall, as often as once in each year (two
3 weeks' previous notice having been given), carefully
4 inspect every steam-boiler which is used for manu-
5 facturing, mechanical, and heating purposes, as here-
6 inbefore provided, in the districts for which they are
7 appointed; and if upon such inspection they find
8 each boiler to be in good working order, and free
9 from all weaknesses and defects, they shall give a
10 certificate of inspection to that effect to the person
11 or persons, or corporation, owning or using such
12 boiler, which certificate shall state the maximum
13 pressure at which the boiler shall be worked.

1 SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any
2 inspector shall find a boiler in use which is in dan-
3 gerous condition from defects, excessive pressure, or
4 from any cause, he shall advise with the owner or
5 user of the same, and recommend such repairs as are
6 necessary to place said boiler in good sound condi-
7 tion. And, if the advice and recommendations of
8 such inspector shall be disregarded by the owner or
9 user of said boiler, such inspector may call in the in-
10 spector from an adjoining district; and, if they agree
11 that said boiler is not sound and in safe condition,
12 they shall give a written notice to the owner or user,
13 forbidding the use of the same until such repairs as
14 are specified have been made; or if said inspectors
15 are of the opinion that such boiler is utterly worth-
16 less, so that its use will endanger the public safety,
17 they shall condemn it, and forbid its use altogether.

1 SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any per-
2 son or corporation shall neglect or refuse to have the
3 boiler or boilers owned or used by them inspected at
4 least once in each year, or shall carry a greater press-
5 ure of steam than is allowed by the inspectors' cer-
6 tificate, they shall pay a fine not exceeding two hun-
7 dred dollars for each and every such offence; and if
8 any person or corporation shall use a boiler or boilers
9 which has been pronounced unsafe by the inspector
10 in writing, without making suitable repairs, or if the
11 boiler or boilers have been condemned as worthless
12 and beyond repair, they shall pay a fine for each and
13 every such offence not exceeding five hundred dol-
14 lars, or undergo imprisonment in the county jail for
15 one year, as the court may direct.

1 SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That any
2 owner, renter, or user of a steam boiler, or boilers,
3 holding the certificate of inspection unrevoked and
4 in full force of any company organized for the ex-
5 clusive purpose of making guaranteed steam-boiler
6 inspections, which has filed a statement of its finan-
7 cial condition with the insurance commissioner, and
8 paid license fees and taxes as required by the insur-
9 ance laws of this state, shall be exempt from any
10 further inspection, and from the pains and penalties
11 recited in this act.

1 SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the
2 charges for inspection, which shall be paid by the
3 owner or user of the boiler or boilers, shall be, for
4 each and every boiler, the sum of dollars,

5 which shall be collected by the inspector when the
6 certificate is issued; and this fee shall go to the in-
7 spector making the inspection, in payment for his
8 services.

1 SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall
2 be the duty of each inspector appointed under this
3 act to report annually to the governor of the state
4 the number and type of boilers inspected by him,
5 their general condition, with such detailed informa-
6 tion as may be called for, on blanks provided for the
7 purpose. He shall also report any accidents to
8 boilers in use, or explosions which have occurred
9 during the year, in his particular district, with the
10 causes, so far as may be ascertained.

11 This act to go into effect immediately upon its
12 passage; and all acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent
13 herewith, are hereby repealed.