

SENATE BILL No. 349

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the boiler safety act; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp.
2 44-918 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2013
3 Supp. 44-919.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 44-918 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 44-918. (a) The state fire marshal ~~shall~~ *may* appoint a chief
8 inspector *and one or more deputy inspectors* who shall be ~~a citizen of this~~
9 ~~state, or, if not available, a citizen of another state, and who shall have at~~
10 ~~the time of appointment not less than 10 years experience in the~~
11 ~~construction, installation, inspection, operation, maintenance or repair of~~
12 ~~high pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, steam~~
13 ~~operating engineer, boiler maker or boiler inspector, and who shall hold a~~
14 ~~commission issued by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel~~
15 ~~inspectors. The chief inspector shall be in the unclassified civil service and~~
16 ~~shall receive such compensation as prescribed by the state fire marshal,~~
17 ~~subject to the approval of the governor.~~

18 (b) The chief inspector *and deputy inspectors* shall serve under the
19 direction of the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal, chief inspector
20 and other duly authorized representatives of the state fire marshal are
21 hereby charged, directed and empowered:

22 (1) To take action necessary for the enforcement of this act and of the
23 rules and regulations adopted hereunder;

24 (2) to maintain a complete record of all boilers and pressure vessels to
25 which this act applies, which record shall include the name and address of
26 each owner or user and the type, dimensions, maximum allowable working
27 pressure, age and last recorded inspection of each such boiler or pressure
28 vessel;

29 (3) to publish and make available copies of rules and regulations
30 adopted hereunder to any person requesting them;

31 (4) to issue, or to suspend or revoke for cause, inspection certificates
32 as provided in K.S.A. 44-924, and amendments thereto; and

33 (5) to cause the prosecution of all violators of the provisions of this
34 act or of the rules and regulations adopted hereunder.

35 **{(c) (1) A chief inspector shall:**

36 **(A) Have not less than five years of experience in the**

1 **construction, installation, repair, operation or inspection of boilers,**
2 **steam generators, super-heaters or pressure vessels; and**

3 **(B) hold a commission issued by the national board of boiler and**
4 **pressure vessel inspectors, and have the following: (i) An in-service**
5 **commission; (ii) an "A" endorsement; and (iii) a "B" endorsement. If**
6 **the chief inspector does not have a "B" endorsement, then the chief**
7 **inspector shall have the ability to acquire a "B" endorsement within**
8 **18 months after appointment as chief inspector.**

9 **(2) A deputy inspector shall:**

10 **(A) (i) Have completed courses and training and have experience**
11 **in the construction, installation, repair, operation or inspection of**
12 **boilers or pressure vessels, which in the aggregate amounts to not less**
13 **than two years of time spent on education, training and work**
14 **experience; or**

15 **(ii) have not less than five years of experience in the heating,**
16 **ventilation, air conditioning or plumbing fields related to the**
17 **installation or repair of boilers or pressure vessels; and**

18 **(B) hold an in-service commission issued by the national board of**
19 **boiler and pressure vessel inspectors. If the deputy inspector does not**
20 **have an in-service commission, then the deputy inspector shall have**
21 **the ability to acquire such commission within 12 months after**
22 **appointment as deputy inspector.}**

23 **Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 44-918 and 44-919 are hereby repealed.**

24 **Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its**
25 **publication in the statute book.**