

HOUSE BILL No. 2422

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the state fire marshal; eliminating the statutory
2 qualifications of the chief inspector for boiler safety; amending K.S.A.
3 44-918 and repealing the existing section.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 44-918 is hereby amended to read as follows: 44-
7 918. (a) The state fire marshal may appoint a chief inspector and one or
8 more deputy inspectors who shall be in the unclassified civil service and
9 shall receive such compensation as prescribed by the state fire marshal,
10 subject to the approval of the governor.

11 (b) The chief inspector and deputy inspectors shall serve under the
12 direction of the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal, chief inspector
13 and other duly authorized representatives of the state fire marshal are
14 hereby charged, directed and empowered:

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

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

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

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

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

28 ~~(e)(1) A chief inspector shall:~~

29 ~~(A) Have not less than five years of experience in the construction,~~
30 ~~installation, repair, operation or inspection of boilers, steam generators,~~
31 ~~super-heaters or pressure vessels; and~~

32 ~~(B) hold a commission issued by the national board of boiler and~~
33 ~~pressure vessel inspectors, and have the following: (i) An in-service~~
34 ~~commission; (ii) an "A" endorsement; and (iii) a "B" endorsement. If the~~
35 ~~chief inspector does not have a "B" endorsement, then the chief inspector~~
36 ~~shall have the ability to acquire a "B" endorsement within 18 months after~~

1 appointment as chief inspector.

2 ~~(2) A deputy inspector shall:~~

3 ~~(A) (i) Have completed courses and training and have experience in~~
4 ~~the construction, installation, repair, operation or inspection of boilers or~~
5 ~~pressure vessels, which in the aggregate amounts to not less than two years~~
6 ~~of time spent on education, training and work experience; or~~

7 ~~(ii) have not less than five years of experience in the heating,~~
8 ~~ventilation, air conditioning or plumbing fields related to the installation or~~
9 ~~repair of boilers or pressure vessels; and~~

10 ~~(B) hold an in-service commission issued by the national board of~~
11 ~~boiler and pressure vessel inspectors. If the deputy inspector does not have~~
12 ~~an in-service commission, then the deputy inspector shall have the ability~~
13 ~~to acquire such commission within 12 months after appointment as deputy~~
14 ~~inspector.~~

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 44-918 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.