Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

Introduced by

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of the Insurance Commissioner)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 26.1-22.1-08 and 26.1-22.1-10 of the North
- 2 Dakota Century Code, relating to qualifications of inspectors and the time period for which
- 3 certificates of inspection of the boiler inspection program are effective for steam traction
- 4 engines.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-22.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 8 **26.1-22.1-08.** Special inspector.
 - Upon written request of the an employer, the commissioner may appoint as a special inspector an inspector in the employ of any:
 - <u>An</u> insurance company authorized to insure boilers in this state against loss from explosion or any self-insured;
 - <u>A</u> company that has employees for the purpose of inspecting its own boilers in this state qualified by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors as an accredited owner/user inspection organization; or
 - c. A company qualified by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors as an accredited authorized inspection agency.

No A person may not be appointed as a special inspector unless that person has passed the examination prescribed by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors.

 Every An inspection made performed by a special inspector must be performed in accordance with this chapter and a complete report of the inspection must be filed with the commissioner in the time, manner, and form as prescribed by the commissioner.

- 3. If a complete report is not filed by the special inspector's employer with the commissioner within ninety days from the certificate due date, the chief boiler inspector may make the required inspection, unless extensions an extension of time are is granted by the chief boiler inspector. For that inspection, the insurance company or self-insured company shall The special inspector's employer must pay all appropriate the inspection fees in accordance with as required by section 26.1-22.1-09 for a special inspection.
 - 4. The chief boiler inspector may inspect any boiler to which a special inspection applies.
 - 5. The commissioner may, for cause, suspend or revoke the appointment of any special inspector.
- **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-22.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 26.1-22.1-10. Certificate of inspection Certificate to be posted. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of inspection for each boiler inspected upon receipt of an inspection report certifying that the boiler is in a safe condition to be operated. The commissioner shall charge a fee of twenty dollars for each certificate of inspection issued as the result of inspections authorized under sections 26.1-22.1-07 and 26.1-22.1-08. The fees are the liability of the owner or user and must be paid in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner. No certificate may be issued for any boiler not in a safe condition to be operated or for a boiler for which the inspection and certificate fees have not been paid in full. No certificate is valid for a period of more than thirty-six months for power boilers described in subsection 2 of section 26.1-22.1-07, and no more than twelve months for other power boilers, twenty four twelve months for steam traction engines, and thirty-six months for low pressure boilers except that a two-month grace period may be extended for any certificate. Upon written request from a special inspector, the chief boiler inspector may issue a short-term certificate. Each certificate of inspection must be posted conspicuously under glass in the boiler room or adjacent to the boiler inspected.