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H.B. No. 3257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation and inspection of boilers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 755.001(17), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(17) "Portable [~~power~~] boiler" means a boiler primarily intended for use at a temporary location.

SECTION 2. Section 755.022(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) boilers owned or operated by the federal government;

(2) pressure vessels or process steam generators, other than steam collection or liberation drums of process steam generators;

(3) manually fired miniature boilers that:

(A) are constructed or maintained for locomotives, boats, tractors, or stationary engines only as a hobby for exhibition, recreation, education, or historical purposes and not for commercial use;

(B) have an inside diameter of 12 inches or less or a grate area of two square feet or less; and

(C) are equipped with a safety valve of adequate size, a water level indicator, and a pressure gauge;

1 (4) boilers that are designed for operation only at
2 atmospheric pressure and that are equipped with two independent
3 means to prevent the buildup of pressure; ~~[or]~~

4 (5) steam cookers; or

5 (6) espresso machines.

6 SECTION 3. Section 755.025(e), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (e) The commission by rule shall establish the subsequent
9 intervals and manner of inspection for a [A] portable [power]
10 boiler [must be inspected externally each time the boiler is moved
11 to a new location and must receive an internal inspection at least
12 annually].

13 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
14 of this Act, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
15 adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by
16 this Act.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.