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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the board of boiler rules to
2 prescribe extended inspection schedules for power boilers; and amending
3 RCW 70.79.240, 70.79.250, and 70.79.260.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.79.240 and 1951 c 32 s 22 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Each boiler and unfired pressure vessel used or proposed to be used
8 within this state, except boilers or unfired pressure vessels exempt in
9 RCW 70.79.080 and 70.79.090, shall be thoroughly inspected as to their
10 construction, installation, condition and operation, as follows:

11 (1) Power boilers shall be inspected annually both internally and
12 externally while not under pressure, except that the board may, in its
13 discretion, provide for longer periods between inspections and shall
14 also be inspected annually externally while under pressure if possible;

15 (2) Low pressure heating boilers shall be inspected both internally
16 and externally biennially where construction will permit;

17 (3) Unfired pressure vessels subject to internal corrosion shall be
18 inspected both internally and externally biennially where construction

1 will permit, except that the board may, in its discretion, provide for
2 longer periods between inspections;

3 (4) Unfired pressure vessels not subject to internal corrosion
4 shall be inspected externally at intervals set by the board, but
5 internal inspections shall not be required of unfired pressure vessels,
6 the contents of which are known to be noncorrosive to the material of
7 which the shell, head, or fittings are constructed, either from the
8 chemical composition of the contents or from evidence that the contents
9 are adequately treated with a corrosion inhibitor, provided that such
10 vessels are constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of
11 the board or in accordance with standards substantially equivalent to
12 the rules and regulations of the board, in effect at the time of
13 manufacture.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.79.250 and 1951 c 32 s 23 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 In the case of power boilers a grace period of not more than two
17 months longer than the (~~twelve months may~~) period between inspections
18 prescribed by the board shall elapse between internal inspections of a
19 boiler while not under pressure or between external inspections of a
20 boiler while under pressure; in the case of low pressure heating
21 boilers not more than twenty-six months shall elapse between
22 inspections, and in the case of unfired pressure vessels not more than
23 two months longer than the period between inspections prescribed by the
24 board shall elapse between internal inspections.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.79.260 and 1951 c 32 s 24 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 The rules and regulations formulated by the board applying to the
28 inspection of boilers and unfired pressure vessels may (~~be modified by~~
29 ~~the board to~~) reduce or extend the interval between required
30 inspections where the contents, history, or operation of the boiler or
31 vessel or the material of which it is constructed warrant special
32 consideration.

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