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(430 ILCS 75/) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act

(430 ILCS 75/1)

Sec. 1. Citation of Act; application

This Act may be cited as the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act and, except as otherwise provided, shall apply to fired and unfired steam boilers, hot water boilers, and pressure vessels.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/2)

Sec. 2. Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules

- (a) There is created within the Office of the State Fire Marshal a Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules, which shall hereafter be referred to as the Board, consisting of seven (7) members who shall be appointed to the Board by the Governor, one for a term of one year, two for a term of two years, two for a term of three years, and two for a term of four years. At the expiration of their respective terms of office, they, or their successors identifiable with the same interests respectively as hereinafter provided, shall be appointed for terms of 4 years each. The Governor may at any time remove any member of the Board for inefficiency or neglect of duty in office. Upon the death or incapacity of any member the Governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacated term with a representative of the same interests with which his predecessor was identified.

Of these 7 appointed members, two shall be representative of owners and users of boilers and pressure vessels within the State, with one representing owners and users of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels in utilities, manufacturing or processing, who shall be registered in accordance with the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, and one representing the owners and users of low pressure boilers and pressure vessels in commercial buildings, multiple housing or hotels. Of the remaining 5 appointed members, one shall be representative of the boiler manufacturers within the State, one shall be a representative of an insurance company licensed to insure boilers and pressure vessels within the State, one shall be a mechanical engineer registered in accordance with the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, one shall be representative of the boilermakers, and one shall be representative of the practical steam operating engineers.

- (b) The Board shall annually elect one of its members to serve as chairman. The chairman shall appoint a vice-chairman and secretary to serve the same term as the chairman. At the call of the chairman, the Board shall meet at least 4 times each year at the State Capitol or other place designated by the Board.
- (c) The members of the Board shall serve without salary, but shall receive reimbursement for their actual traveling and hotel expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties as members of the Board in accordance with the State of Illinois Travel Regulations.
- (d) The Board shall formulate definitions, rules and regulations for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alterations, inspections, use, and operation of boilers and pressure vessels in this State. The definitions, rules and regulations so formulated shall be based upon, and at all times follow, accepted

engineering standards, formulae, and practices pertaining to boiler and pressure vessel construction and safety. The Board shall by resolution, adopt published codifications including, but not limited to, The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors Code, and the Maintenance, Inspection, Rating, Repair, and Alteration of Pressure Vessels Standards of the American Petroleum Institute with the amendments and interpretations thereto made and approved by those organizations, and may likewise adopt the amendments and interpretations subsequently made and published by the same organizations; and when so adopted, those Codes shall be deemed incorporated into the definitions, rules and regulations of the Board. Amendments to and interpretations of the Codes so adopted shall be adopted immediately upon being promulgated, to the end that the definitions, rules and regulations shall at all times follow accepted engineering standards

- (e) The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations for the safe and proper repair, maintenance, alteration, inspection, use, and operation of boilers and pressure vessels which were in use or installed ready for use in this State prior to the date upon which the first rules and regulations under this Act pertaining to existing installations became effective, or during the 12 month period immediately thereafter.
- (f) The rules and regulations formulated by the Board shall have the force and effect of law, except that the rules applying to the construction of new boilers and pressure vessels shall not be construed to prevent the installation thereof until 12 months after approval of the rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Rules and regulations of the Board shall become effective as provided therein.
- (g) The Board shall establish fees for examinations, commissions, inspection certificates, inspections, annual statements, shop inspections, and other services.

(Source: P.A. 88-608, eff. 1-1-95; 89-467, eff. 1-1-97.)

(430 ILCS 75/2a)

Sec. 2a. Nuclear Facilities

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall have sole jurisdiction over all boilers and pressure vessels contained within or upon or in connection with any nuclear facility within this State. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall have the same authority and shall have and exercise the same powers and duties in relation to those boilers and pressure vessels under this Act as the Board or the State Fire Marshal have and exercise in relation to all boilers and pressure vessels in this State that are not included in this Section. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall establish by rule the types and frequency of inspections of boilers and pressure vessels contained within or upon or in connection with any nuclear facility. The rules may provide that multiple boilers and pressure vessels in a nuclear power system shall be covered by a single inspection certificate. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency may enter into such agreements with the Board or the State Fire Marshal as are necessary to carry out its duties under this Act. The agreements may provide that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall accept and recognize Special Inspector Commissions issued by the State Fire Marshal.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/2b)

Sec. 2b. Program of Risk Minimization

In addition to its other powers, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency is authorized to enter into agreements with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the establishment of a coordinated and comprehensive program to minimize the risks posed by boilers, pressure vessels, and related components contained within or upon or in connection with any nuclear facility within this State. The program may provide for such inspections of nuclear facilities within the State as may be agreed upon and for inspections within and outside the State of Illinois of boilers and pressure vessels to be installed in any nuclear facility within this State.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/2.1)

Sec. 2.1. Accident Reports

The Board shall adopt rules and regulations requiring the reporting of accidents involving boilers and pressure vessels.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/3)

Sec. 3. New Boilers and Pressure Vessels

A boiler or pressure vessel that does not conform to the rules and regulations formulated by the Board governing new construction and installation shall not be installed and operated in this State unless the boiler or pressure vessel is of special design or construction and is not inconsistent with the spirit and safety objectives of the rules and regulations, in which case a special installation and operating permit may at its discretion be granted by the Board.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/4)

Sec. 4. Existing Boilers and Pressure Vessels

- (a) The maximum allowable pressure consistent with the maximum and minimum operating temperatures of a boiler carrying the ASME Code symbol or of a pressure vessel carrying the ASME Code symbol shall be determined by the applicable section of the Code under which it was constructed and stamped or a later edition of the ASME Code, provided the rating conforms with the rules of the later edition.
- (b) The maximum allowable pressure consistent with the maximum and minimum operating temperatures of a boiler or pressure vessel that does not carry the ASME Code symbol shall be computed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, unless the boiler or pressure vessel is of special design or construction, in which case the Board may grant, at its discretion, a special operating permit consistent with the safety objectives of the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (c) This Act does not prohibit the use, sale, or reinstallation of a boiler or pressure vessel referred to in this Section, provided it has been made to conform to the rules

and regulations of the Board governing existing installations, and provided, further, it has not been found upon inspection to be in an unsafe condition.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/5)

Sec. 5. Exemptions

- (a) This Act shall not apply to the following boilers and pressure vessels:
 - (1) Boilers and pressure vessels under federal regulations, except for boiler and pressure vessels in nuclear facilities subject to Section 2a, and boilers and pressure vessels located in cities of more than 500,000 inhabitants.
 - (2) Pressure vessels used for transportation and storage of compressed or liquefied gases when constructed in compliance with specifications of the Department of Transportation and charged with gas or liquid, marked, maintained, and periodically requalified for use, as required by appropriate regulations of the Department of Transportation.
 - (3) Pressure vessels located on vehicles operating under the rules of other State authorities and used for carrying passengers or freight.
 - (4) Pressure vessels installed on the right of way of railroads and used directly in the operation of trains.
 - (5) Boilers and pressure vessels under the inspection jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources and located on mine property.
 - (6) Boilers and pressure vessels located on farms and used solely for agricultural purposes.
 - (7) Steam boilers of a miniature model locomotive, boat, tractor, or stationary engine constructed and maintained as a hobby and not for commercial use, that have an inside diameter not exceeding 12 inches and a grate area not exceeding 1 1/2 square feet, provided they are constantly attended while in operation and are equipped with a water level indicator, pressure gauge, and a safety valve of adequate capacity.
 - (8) Pressure vessels regulated and inspected under the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961.
 - (9) Pressure vessels containing liquefied petroleum gas regulated under the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Regulation Act.
- (b) The following boilers and pressure vessels shall be exempt from the requirements of Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13 of this Act:
 - (1) Steam boilers used for heating purposes and operated at a pressure not in excess of 15 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) and having a rating not in excess of 200,000 B.T.U. per hour input.
 - (2) Hot water heating boilers operated at a pressure not in excess of 30 psig and having a rating not in excess of 200,000 B.T.U. per hour.
 - (3) Boilers and pressure vessels, located in private residences or in multi-family buildings having fewer than 6 dwelling units.
 - (4) Hot water supply boilers that are directly fired with oil, gas, or electricity when none of the following limitations are exceeded:
 - (A) Heat input of 200,000 BTU per hour.
 - (B) Water temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

- (C) Nominal water containing capacity of 120 U.S. gallons.
- (5) Coil type hot water boilers where the water can flash into steam when released directly to the atmosphere through a manually operated nozzle provided the following conditions are met:
 - (A) There is no drum, headers, or other steam space.
 - (B) No steam is generated within the coil.
 - (D) Outside diameter of tubing does not exceed 1 inch.
 - (E) Pipe size does not exceed 3/4 inch NPS.
 - (F) Water capacity of unit does not exceed 6 U.S. gallons.
 - (G) Water temperature does not exceed 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- (6) Pressure vessels containing only water under pressure for domestic supply purposes, including those containing air, the compression of which serves only a cushion or air lifting pumping function.
- (7) Pressure vessels operated at a pressure not exceeding 15 psig with no limitation on size.
- (8) Pressure vessels that do not exceed:
 - (A) Both a volume of 15 cubic feet and 250 psig when not located in a place of public assembly.
 - (B) Both a volume of 5 cubic and 250 psig when located in a place of public assembly.
 - (C) A volume of 1 1/2 cubic feet or an inside diameter of 6 inches with no limitation on pressure.
- (9) Water conditioning equipment used for the removal of minerals, chemicals, or organic or inorganic particles from water by means other than application of heat including, without limitation, water softeners, water filters, dealkalizers, and demineralizers.
- (10) Steam boilers of railroad locomotives and traction engines built prior to 1955 that were constructed or operated in compliance with the Federal Locomotive Inspection Law and are in the permanent collection of a museum or historical association are exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 10 upon proof of such construction or inspection being furnished to the Board.

(c) (Blank)

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/6)

Sec. 6. Chief Inspector

- (a) The State Fire Marshal shall employ a Chief Inspector who has not less than 10 years practical experience in the construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, steam engineer, boilermaker, or boiler inspector and has passed the examination prescribed in Section 9 of this Act.
- (b) The Chief Inspector has the following powers and duties:
 - (1) To cause the prosecution of all violators of this Act.

- (2) To issue, or to suspend or revoke for cause, Inspection Certificates as provided for in Section 11 of this Act.
- (3) To draw upon the State funds necessary to meet the expense authorized by this Act, including the necessary traveling expenses of the Chief Inspector and his Deputies and the expenses incident to the maintenance of his office.
- (4) To take action necessary for the enforcement of the laws of the State governing the use of boilers and pressure vessels and of the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (5) To keep a complete record of the type, dimensions, maximum allowable working pressure, age, condition, location, and date of the last recorded internal inspection of all boilers and the last recorded internal or external inspection of all pressure vessels to which this Act applies.
- (6) To publish and distribute, among manufacturers and others requesting them, copies of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/7)

Sec. 7. Deputy Inspectors

The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall employ Deputy Inspectors who shall be responsible to the Chief Inspector and who shall have had at time of appointment not less than 5 years practical experience in the construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of high pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, steam engineer, boilermaker, or boiler inspector and shall have passed the examination provided for in Section 9 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/8)

Sec. 8. Special Inspectors.

- (a) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall, upon the request of any company authorized to write boiler and pressure vessel insurance in this State or authorized under Section 15 of this Act, issue to inspectors of the company commissions as Special Inspectors, provided that each inspector before receiving his commission shall meet the experience requirements of the Board and shall:
 - (1) Satisfactorily pass the examination provided for in Section 9 of this Act; or
 - (2) In lieu of that examination, hold a Certificate of Competency as an inspector of boilers or pressure vessels for a jurisdiction that has a standard of examination substantially equal to that of the State of Illinois; or
 - (3) Hold a Commission as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels from the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.
- (b) Special Inspectors shall receive no salary from, nor shall any of their expenses be paid by, the State. The continuance of a Special Inspector's Commission shall be conditioned upon his continuing in the employ of the duly authorized insurance company or owner-user and upon maintenance of the standards imposed by this Act.
- (c) Special Inspectors shall inspect boilers and pressure vessels insured or operated

by their respective companies. The Board may impose limitations on owner-user inspectors who have received their commissions based on the American Petroleum Institute API-510 Inspectors Examination. When so inspected, the owners and users of insured or self-insured boilers and pressure vessels shall be exempt from the payment to the State of the inspection fees provided for in Section 13 of this Act.

- (d) Within 10 business days following each boiler or pressure vessel certificate inspection, except the inspection of pressure vessels covered by subsection (c) of Section 11 of this Act, made by a Special Inspector, the company employing the inspector shall file a report of the inspection with the Chief Inspector either electronically or upon the appropriate forms. Reports of non-certificate external inspections need not be submitted except when those inspections disclose that the boiler or pressure vessel is in an unsafe condition or in violation of the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (e) The State Fire Marshal, the Chief Inspector, or any Deputy or Special Inspector, shall have free access to any premises in the State to perform inspections and investigations in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/9)

Sec. 9 Examinations and Commissions.

- (a) Examinations for Chief, Deputy, and Special Inspectors shall be in writing. The Board may utilize an outside testing or service agency for the examination. An applicant who fails to pass the examination may appeal to the Board for another examination which shall be given by the Board within 90 days. The results of an applicant's examination shall be reported to the applicant and the applicant's employer. An examination fee in the amount established by the Board payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall accompany the application. A commission issued under the provisions of this Section shall be for a period of one year upon the payment of the fee established by the Board. The commission may be renewed annually upon payment of the fee established by the Board. The fees shall be paid to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- (b) A commission may be suspended or revoked by the State Fire Marshal upon the written recommendation by the Chief Inspector. A person whose commission has been suspended or revoked shall be entitled to appeal to the Board as provided in Section 16 of this Act.
- (c) If a certificate or commission is lost or destroyed a new certificate or commission shall be issued in its place without another examination.

(Source: P.A. 89-467, eff. 1-1-97.)

(430 ILCS 75/10)

Sec. 10. Inspection of Boilers and Pressure Vessels.

- (a) Each boiler or pressure vessel used or proposed to be used within this State, except boilers or pressure vessels exempt under this Act or rules and regulations of the Board, shall be thoroughly inspected as to its construction, installation, condition, and operation as follows:

- (1) Power boilers shall be inspected annually both internally and externally while not under pressure and shall also be inspected annually externally while under pressure if possible; provided that any power boiler or steam generator, the operation of which is an integral part of or a necessary adjunct to other continuous processing operations, shall be inspected internally at such intervals as are permitted by the shutting down of the processing operations. The Board may provide by rules and regulations for extension of time within which power boilers are required to be inspected based upon type, function, or manner of operation.
 - (2) Low pressure steam, hot water heating, and hot water supply boilers shall be inspected biennially as required by the rules and regulations of the Board.
 - (3) Traction steam engine boilers and other boilers constructed before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1992 and operated solely for exhibition purposes may be issued an inspection certificate by the Chief or Deputy Inspector, provided the owner can establish and document that the design, materials, fabrication, examination, testing, and operation are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board. Traction engine boilers and other boilers used solely for exhibition purposes shall be inspected every 2 years.
 - (4) Pressure vessels subject to internal corrosion shall receive a certificate inspection every 3 years as required by rules and regulations of the Board. However, the standards of inspection and repair of pressure vessels in service by an owner-user authorized under Section 15 shall, at the option of the owner-user, be either (1) the applicable rules and regulations in the National Board Inspection Code, or (2) the applicable section in the American Petroleum Institute API-510, "API Recommended Practice for Inspection, Repair, and Rating of Pressure Vessels in Petroleum Refining Service".
 - (5) Pressure vessels not subject to internal corrosion shall receive certificate inspection at intervals set by the Board, but internal inspection shall not be required of pressure vessels containing materials that are known to be noncorrosive to the material of which the shell, heads, or fittings are constructed, either from the chemical composition of the materials or from evidence that the materials are adequately treated with a corrosion inhibitor, provided that the vessels are constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.
 - (6) A grace period of 2 months beyond the period specified in this Section may elapse between internal inspections of a boiler while it is not under pressure and between external inspections of a boiler while it is under pressure. The Board may, in its discretion, permit longer periods between certificate inspections. The inspections herein required shall be made by the Chief Inspector, a Deputy Inspector, or a Special Inspector provided for in this Act.
- (b) If at any time a test is deemed necessary for a stated cause by the inspector, the owner or user shall perform a test acceptable to the

- inspector in the presence of and under the direction of the inspector.
- (c) All boilers and pressure vessels, except those otherwise exempted by the Board, shall be inspected during construction, as required by the applicable rules and regulations of the Board, by an inspector authorized to inspect boilers and pressure vessels in this State or, if constructed outside of the State, by an inspector holding a Certificate from the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors or a Certificate of Competency as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels for a jurisdiction that has a standard of examination substantially equal to that of this State as provided in Section 9.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06)

(430 ILCS 75/11)

Sec. 11. Inspection Certificates and Annual Statements

- (a) Each company employing Special Inspectors, except a company operating pressure vessels covered by an owner-user inspection service shall, within 10 business days following each certificate inspection, file a report of inspection with the Chief Inspector electronically or upon the appropriate forms as approved by the division.
- (b) If the report filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section shows that a boiler or pressure vessel is found to comply with the rules and regulations of the Board, the owner or user thereof shall pay directly to the Office of the State Fire Marshal the fee established by the Board, and the Chief Inspector shall issue to the owner or user an Inspection Certificate bearing the date of inspection and specifying the maximum pressure under which the boiler or pressure vessel may be operated. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, an Inspection Certificate shall remain valid beyond the expiration date noted on the certificate until the boiler or pressure vessel is re-inspected by the authorized inspecting authorities or until the certificate is suspended by the Chief Inspector, provided that the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel makes it available for inspection at reasonable times. Certificates shall be posted in the room containing the boiler or pressure vessel inspected. If the boiler or pressure vessel is not located within the building, the certificate shall be posted in a location convenient to the boiler or pressure vessel inspected or in any place where it will be accessible to interested parties.
- (c) Each company operating pressure vessels covered by an owner-user inspection program meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of Section 8 of this Act shall maintain in its files an inspection record, which shall list, by number and such abbreviated description as may be necessary for identification, each pressure vessel covered by this Act, the date of the last inspection of each unit, and the approximate date for the next inspection. The inspection date shall be arrived at by applying the appropriate rules to all data available at the time the inspection record is compiled. The inspection record shall be readily available for examination by the Chief Inspector or his authorized representative during business hours. Each such company shall, in addition, file annually with the Chief Inspector a statement, signed by the person having supervision over the inspections made during the period covered, stating the number of vessels

covered by this Act inspected during the year and certifying that each inspection was conducted pursuant to the inspection standards provided for by this Act. The annual statement shall be accompanied by the fee established by the Board.

- (d) (Blank).
- (e) The Chief Inspector or his authorized representative may at any time suspend an Inspection Certificate when, in his opinion, the boiler or pressure vessel for which it was issued cannot be operated without menace to public safety, when the boiler or pressure vessel is found not to comply with the rules and regulations herein provided, or when an owner or operator has failed to pay any required fees or refused to allow inspection. In that event, the Chief Inspector or his representative shall issue a Notice of Suspension, which shall be posted in a conspicuous location on or near the posted Inspection Certificate. Each suspension of an Inspection Certificate shall continue in effect until the boiler or pressure vessel has been made to conform to the rules and regulations of the Board, and until the Inspection Certificate has been reinstated.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06)

(430 ILCS 75/12)

Sec. 12. Violations and Penalties.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to operate in this State a boiler or pressure vessel, except a pressure vessel covered by an owner-user inspection service as provided for in Sections 8 and 15 of this Act, without a valid Inspection Certificate. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), the operation of a boiler or pressure vessel without an Inspection Certificate or at a pressure exceeding that specified in the Inspection Certificate shall constitute a petty offense on the part of the owner, user, or operator thereof. Each day of unlawful operation shall be deemed a separate offense.
- (b) Any person who knowingly operates or allows the operation of a boiler or pressure vessel when an Inspection Certificate issued for it has been suspended pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 11 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Each day of unlawful operation shall be deemed a separate offense.
- (c) Any person who submits or causes to be submitted an inspection report or annual statement required by this Act which contains a false statement that he does not believe to be true is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- (d) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or governmental entity that knowingly fails to notify the Chief Inspector within 24 hours, or on the next business day, of an accident, explosion, event, or incident that serves to render a boiler or pressure vessel inoperative because of damage or failure or that involves any bodily injury or death to any person is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, if a natural person, or a business offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$501 and not more than \$10,000, if a corporation or governmental entity.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/12.1)

Sec. 12.1. Removal of Certificate

Any person who without authorization removes, defaces, or alters an Inspection Certificate or Notice of Suspension issued under this Act is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)

(430 ILCS 75/13)

Sec. 13. Inspection Fees

The owner or user of a boiler or pressure vessel required by this Act to be inspected by the Chief Inspector or his Deputy Inspector shall pay directly to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, upon completion of inspection, fees established by the Board. On and after October 1, 2003, 50% of the fees for certification of boilers and pressure vessels as described in Section 11 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and the remaining fees received under this Act shall be deposited in the Fire Prevention Fund. (Source: P.A. 93-32, eff. 7-1-03.)

(430 ILCS 75/14)

Sec. 14. (Repealed)

(Source: Laws 1951, p. 2105. Repealed by P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/15)

Sec. 15. Self-insurers

Any owner or user of boilers or pressure vessels subject to Section 10 of this Act who maintains and operates, under the supervision of one or more regularly employed engineers who meet the experience and education requirements of the Board, an inspection or maintenance program in which one or more inspectors are regularly employed on inspection of boilers or pressure vessels operated by the owner or user shall, upon application to the Board showing that fact and showing that the owner or user has the financial ability to bear any loss and to pay all final judgments or awards obtained against the owner or user by reason of the operation of the boilers or pressure vessels, be authorized to act as a self-insurer of his or its boiler and pressure vessel risk in this State; and when so authorized, the owner-user shall employ special inspectors to supervise inspections performed at the owner-user's facilities. The owner- user and the regularly employed special inspectors shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all the requirements, duties, and obligations provided in this Act respectively for boiler and pressure vessel insurance companies and special inspectors.

(Source: P.A. 94-748, eff. 5-8-06.)

(430 ILCS 75/16)

Sec. 16. Appeals; Appointment of Hearing Officer

Any person aggrieved by an order or act of the State Fire Marshal, or the Chief Inspector, under this Act may, within 15 days after notice thereof, appeal from the order or act to the Board which shall, within 30 days thereafter, hold a hearing after having given at least 10 days written notice to all interested parties. The Board shall, within 30 days after the hearing, issue an appropriate order either approving or disapproving the order or act. A

copy of the order by the Board shall be given to all interested parties. The Board has the authority to appoint any attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in any action. The hearing officer has full authority to conduct the hearing. The Board has the right to have at least one member present at any hearing conducted by the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall report his findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to the Board. The Board shall have 60 days from receipt of the report to review the report of the hearing officer and issue an order based on the report of the hearing officer.

All final administrative decisions of the Board hereunder shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Review Law. The term "administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(Source: P.A. 87-1169.)