

By the Act of 1920, Chapter 676, a Board of Boiler Rules was created consisting of the Commissioner of the State Bureau of Labor and Statistics, who shall be Chairman; the Attorney-General and the Chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

This Board is created for and charged with the duty of formulating rules and regulations governing the proper construction and installation of boilers of over fifteen pounds to the square inch, for sale or use in this State, and to enforce such rules and regulations and the continued maintenance of them on a basis of proper safety.

Inspections.

The total number of inspections made by this department during 1931 was 38,717, including 29,596 first inspections and 9,121 reinspections. Of the first inspections, 889 were Child Labor inspections; 6,276 were Ten Hour Law inspections for Women; 2,016 were Factory Inspections; 203 were Home Worker inspections; and 20,212 general inspections, including establishments where no women or children were found employed, canning and other establishments to which the Ten Hour Law does not apply. The total number of people found employed under the various inspections was 300,398.

173 boilers were inspected during the year ended September 30, 1931.

Under the Child Labor Law, our inspectors found 1,751 children employed in 633 establishments in Baltimore City and 782 children employed in 253 establishments in the counties of Maryland. The total number of cases handled in the Baltimore Permit Department was 8,054. The County cases amounted to 1,720.

BUREAU OF MINES.

Chief Mine Engineer:

John J. Rutledge.....22 Light Street, Baltimore

District Mine Inspectors:

Frank T. Powers.....Allegany County.....Frostburg

Clyde J. Rowe.....Westernport

Stenographer and Clerk:

Miss Julia E. Jefferson.....22 Light Street, Baltimore

The Bureau of Mines was created in the State Board of Labor and Statistics by the General Assembly of 1922. The Chief Mine Engineer was appointed by the Governor from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner. The Act became effective October 1, 1922.

The Act was prepared by a special commission appointed by the Governor and supersedes the several local laws which governed mining operations in this State prior to the enactment of this law.