

SEC. 3. The said board shall have general supervision of all stationary engineers within the State of Maryland, except as hereinafter provided; it shall be their duty to examine all engineers of the age of twenty-one years or upward, who shall apply to them for examination; and to give to all parties so examined, a certificate of proficiency, if found proficient, and to refuse to give such certificate if not found proficient, and the parties so receiving such certificate shall pay to said board the sum of three dollars for each certificate so issued and for all renewals of all grades the sum of one dollar and fifty cents; said certificates shall be of three grades; a certificate of the first grade will permit the holder thereof to take charge of any plant of machinery from one to five hundred horse power, and the third grade to take charge of any plant of machinery from one to thirty-horse power, and the said certificate shall run for the term of one year, and shall be renewed annually, the term of beginning of said certificate to be from the date of the examination of the respective applicant; provided, that no engineer having such certificate shall have charge of more than one plant of machinery at the same time unless said plant be of the same company and at one and the same place; and no substitute who has not been examined and received the certificate aforesaid shall be placed in charge of machinery by an engineer who has.

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SEC. 4. All persons of twenty-one years of age or upward who, after the adoption of this act, shall desire to fill a position as a stationary engineer, must make application to the "Board of Examining Engineers" for examination and certificate of proficiency, before he can pursue his avocation as such engineer, provided that any engineer employed as stationary engineer at the works of any steam railway, or any engineer employed as such with any stationary engine, who at the time of the adoption of this act shall have been employed at the same place for the term of six months or more shall not be required to apply for such examination and certificate; but whenever such engineers shall remove from the place where so employed they shall be, and are hereby required to make application for examination and certificate (to said board of examining engineers) as hereinbefore provided, and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to persons running engines and boilers in sparsely settled country places, where not more than twenty persons are engaged in work about such engines and boilers, nor to engineers running country saw and grist-mills, threshing machines, and other machinery of a similar character, nor to marine engineers engaged

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