

at his discretion or the Board shall elect one of its members as chairman, and shall meet at least twice yearly at the State capitol, or other place designated by the Board. The Board shall formulate rules and regulations for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, and use of boilers in this State. The word boiler as mentioned herein shall be construed to be a closed vessel in which steam or vapor (to be used externally to itself) is generated by the application of heat. The rules and regulations so formulated shall conform as nearly as possible to the boiler code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and amendments and interpretations thereto made and approved by the Council of the Society.

132. The members of the Board of Boiler Rules, exclusive of the chairman thereof, shall serve without salary and shall receive their actual expenses, not to exceed their actual railroad fare plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per day each, for not to exceed twenty days in any year while in the performance of their duties as members of the Board, to be paid in the same manner as in the case of other State officers. The Chairman of the Board of Boiler Rules shall countersign all vouchers for expenditures under this section.

133. This sub-title shall not be construed as in any way preventing the use or sale of boilers in this State which shall have been installed or in use in this State prior to the taking effect of this sub-title and which shall have been made to conform to the rules and regulations of the Board of Boiler Rules governing existing installations, as provided in Section 140.

134. The present State Boiler Inspectors shall be retained in office by reason of their having qualified by passing the competitive State of Maryland Boiler Inspector's Examination given by the State Employment Commissioner, and have been and are now employed as State Boiler Inspectors.

The Senior Boiler Inspector shall be the Chief Boiler Inspector. At any time thereafter the office of the Chief Inspector shall become vacant the Employment Commissioner shall, as soon as practical, conduct a competitive promotional examination open to the present employees of the Boiler Inspection Department only, who shall have had at the time of taking the competitive examination for Chief Boiler Inspector not less than ten years practical experience in the design, construction or operation of high pressure boilers as a mechanical engineer, steam engineer, boilermaker or boiler inspector.

The examination to be the same or equivalent to the examination given by the Board of Boiler Rules for special inspectors in Section 138.