

days following each certificate inspection made by such inspectors, file a report of such inspection with the Chief Boiler Inspector upon appropriate forms as promulgated by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. The filing of reports of external inspections shall not be required except when such inspections disclose that the boiler is in a dangerous condition.

(b) If the report filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shows that a boiler is found to comply with the rules and regulations of the Board, the Chief Boiler Inspector shall issue to such owner or user an inspection certificate bearing the date of inspection and specifying the maximum pressure under which the boiler may be operated. Such inspection certificate shall be valid for not more than fourteen (14) months from its date in the case of power boilers and high pressure, high temperature water boilers and twenty-six (26) months in the case of low pressure steam or vapor heating boilers, hot water heating boilers or hot water supply boilers, except that, when the Board has granted an extension of the period between certificate inspections as permitted by Section 176 of this Act, the certificate shall be valid for a grace period of two (2) months beyond the expiration date of the current certificate. Certificates shall be posted under glass in the room containing the boiler inspected. If the boiler is not located within the building, the certificate shall be posted in a location convenient to the boiler inspected or in any place where it will be accessible to interested parties.

(c) No inspection certificate issued for an insured boiler based upon a report of a special inspector shall be valid after the boiler for which it was issued shall cease to be insured by a company duly authorized by this State to provide such insurance.

(d) The Chief Boiler Inspector or his authorized representative may at any time suspend an inspection certificate when, in his opinion, the boiler for which it was issued cannot be operated without menace to the public safety or when the boiler is found not to comply with the rules and regulations herein provided. Each suspension of an inspection certificate shall continue in effect until such boiler shall have been made to conform to the rules and regulations of the Board and until such inspection certificate shall have been reinstated.

(e) After twelve (12) months following the date on which this Act becomes effective, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to operate in this State a boiler without a valid inspection certificate. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation that shall operate a boiler without such inspection certificate, or at a pressure exceeding that specified in such inspection certificate, or interfere with or impede the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, his authorized representatives or the Board members in their official duties under this subtitle, shall be guilty of a violation of this subtitle and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or to imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both such fine and imprisonment, for each such offense. The offense created under this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any existing crimes or offenses under common law or statute now in force in this State.