

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 174(a), 177, 178(a) (3) of Article 48 - Inspections, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 48 - Inspections

174.

(a) Upon the request of any company licensed to insure and insuring boilers and pressure vessels in this State OR, UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY COMPANY OPERATING PRESSURE VESSELS IN THIS STATE WHICH ARE REGULARLY INSPECTED AND RATED BY AN ESTABLISHED INSPECTION SERVICE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ONE OR MORE ENGINEERS WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS ARE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall issue COMMISSIONS to any inspectors of said company [commissions] as special inspectors, provided that each such inspector before receiving his commission shall satisfactorily pass the examination provided for in subsection (b) of this section, or, in lieu of such examination, shall hold a commission or a certificate of competency as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels for a state that has a standard of examination substantially equal to that of the State of Maryland or a commission as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. A COMMISSION AS A SPECIAL INSPECTOR SHALL BE ISSUED TO AN INSPECTOR OF A COMPANY OPERATING PRESSURE VESSELS IN THIS STATE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ONLY IF, IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS STATED HEREIN, THE INSPECTOR IS EMPLOYED FULL TIME BY THE COMPANY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING INSPECTIONS OF PRESSURE VESSELS USED, OR TO BE USED, BY SUCH COMPANY, AND WHICH ARE NOT FOR RESALE. No special inspectors shall receive salary from, nor shall any of their expenses be paid by, the State, and the continuance of a special inspector's commission shall be conditioned upon his continuing in the employ of the boiler insurance company duly authorized as aforesaid, OR UPON CONTINUING IN THE EMPLOY OF THE COMPANY OPERATING PRESSURE VESSELS IN THIS STATE and upon his maintenance of the standards imposed by this subtitle. When such special inspectors inspect boilers and pressure vessels insured OR ALL PRESSURE VESSELS OPERATED by their respective companies, such inspection shall exempt the owners and users of such boilers and pressure vessels