

office in the City of Baltimore for the purpose of examining applicants at least once in every week, and at a specified hour and day, and shall sit until all applicants shall be examined, and in the event of inability to examine all the applicants on the regular day of meeting, it shall continue its sessions for each successive day until the same shall be completed. The Board [shall] MAY visit and inspect the running and management of all steam plants wherein the engineers are required to be examined as hereinbefore provided, [not less than once every six months,] and in the event of their finding on such examination that the engineer or engineers in charge of such plant or machinery are not running and managing the same with proper skill and care, it shall report the same to the State Board of Boiler Inspectors for their action; and said Board of Examining Engineers may enter all such premises and make the examination herein provided for; and any owner of premises who refuses to allow the members to enter and make such examination shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punishable upon trial and conviction, as provided in Section 4-3.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 2, 1978.

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CHAPTER 253

(Senate Bill 593)

AN ACT concerning

Mandatory Retirement

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting any member of the Employees and Teachers' Retirement Systems of the State who is not an elected or appointed official from being required, as a condition of employment, to retire at or before a specified age or after the completion of a specified number of years of service; requiring the Secretary of Personnel and the Superintendent of the State Police to establish reasonable criteria and standards of job performance to be used for the purpose of determining when employment of State employees should be terminated; providing that if a certified bargaining agent exists, the establishment of retirement standards and criteria may be a subject of collective bargaining; providing that this Act may not~~