

the boiler or pressure vessel is not located within the building, the certificate shall be posted in a location convenient to the boiler or pressure vessel inspected or in any place where it will be accessible to interested parties. The payment of the fee provided for in this section for the issuance of an inspection certificate does not apply to the State of Maryland or any agencies of State, county, or municipal government.

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

(e) The chief boiler inspector or his authorized representative may at any time suspend an inspection certificate when, in his opinion, the boiler or pressure vessel for which it was issued cannot be operated without menace to the public safety or when the boiler or pressure vessel 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 or pressure vessel shall have been made to conform to the rules and regulations of the Board and until such inspection certificate shall have been reinstated.

[(f) After twelve (12) months following the date on which this subtitle becomes effective, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to operate in this State a boiler or pressure vessel, except a pressure vessel covered by owner or user inspection service as provided for in this subtitle, without a valid inspection certificate. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation that shall operate a boiler or pressure vessel 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.]

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(a) The owner or user of a boiler or pressure vessel required by this subtitle to be inspected by the chief boiler inspector, or his deputy boiler inspectors, pays directly to the chief boiler inspector, upon completion of inspection, fees in accordance with the following schedule: