

**CHAPTER 701****(House Bill 1693)**

AN ACT concerning

**Inspections – Boiler and Pressure Vessels**

FOR the purpose of altering and expanding the list of boiler and pressure vessels that are not subject to certain inspection provisions; altering the temperature requirements for certain boiler and pressure vessels; and generally relating to the inspection of boiler and pressure vessels.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48 – Inspections

Section 172

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 48 – Inspections**

172.

(a) The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to the following boilers and pressure vessels:

(1) Boilers and pressure vessels under federal control or regulation.

(2) Pressure vessels used for transportation and storage of compressed gases when constructed in compliance with specifications of the U.S. Department of Transportation and when charged with gas marked, maintained, and periodically requalified for use, as required by appropriate regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

(3) Air tanks located on vehicles operating under the rules of other State authorities and used for carrying passengers or freight.

(4) Air tanks installed on the right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the operation of trains.

(5) Pressure vessels that do not exceed (a) 5 cu. ft. in volume and 250 psig pressure; or (b) 1 1/2 cu. ft. in volume and 600 psig pressure; or (c) an inside diameter of 6 in. with no limitation on pressure.

(6) Pressure vessels operating at a working pressure not exceeding 15 psig.

[(7) Vessels with a nominal water-containing capacity of 120 gal. or less for containing water under pressure, including those containing air, the compression of which serves only as a cushion.]