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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the board of boiler rules to
2 prescribe extended inspection schedules for power boilers; and amending
3 RCW 70.79.240 and 70.79.250.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.79.240 and 1951 c 32 s 22 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Each boiler and unfired pressure vessel used or proposed to be used
8 within this state, except boilers or unfired pressure vessels exempt in
9 RCW 70.79.080 and 70.79.090, shall be thoroughly inspected as to their
10 construction, installation, condition and operation, as follows:

11 (1) Power boilers shall be inspected annually both internally and
12 externally while not under pressure (~~and~~), except that the board may,
13 in its discretion, provide for longer periods between inspections if
14 the contents, history, or operation of the power boiler or the material
15 of which it is constructed warrant special consideration. Power
16 boilers shall also be inspected annually externally while under
17 pressure if possible;

18 (2) Low pressure heating boilers shall be inspected both internally
19 and externally biennially where construction will permit;

1 (3) Unfired pressure vessels subject to internal corrosion shall be
2 inspected both internally and externally biennially where construction
3 will permit, except that the board may, in its discretion, provide for
4 longer periods between inspections;

5 (4) Unfired pressure vessels not subject to internal corrosion
6 shall be inspected externally at intervals set by the board, but
7 internal inspections shall not be required of unfired pressure vessels,
8 the contents of which are known to be noncorrosive to the material of
9 which the shell, head, or fittings are constructed, either from the
10 chemical composition of the contents or from evidence that the contents
11 are adequately treated with a corrosion inhibitor, provided that such
12 vessels are constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of
13 the board or in accordance with standards substantially equivalent to
14 the rules and regulations of the board, in effect at the time of
15 manufacture.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.79.250 and 1951 c 32 s 23 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 In the case of power boilers a grace period of not more than two
19 months longer than the ~~((twelve months))~~ period ~~((may))~~ between
20 inspections prescribed by the board shall elapse between internal
21 inspections of a boiler while not under pressure or between external
22 inspections of a boiler while under pressure; in the case of low
23 pressure heating boilers not more than twenty-six months shall elapse
24 between inspections, and in the case of unfired pressure vessels not
25 more than two months longer than the period ~~((between inspections~~
26 ~~prescribed by the board))~~ established by the board under RCW
27 70.79.240(1) shall elapse between internal inspections.

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