

**INSPECTORS OF STEAM ENGINES AND STEAM BOILERS - APPOINTMENT OF
Act of May 7, 1864, P.L. 880, No. 777**

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AN ACT

To authorize the appointment of an inspector of stationary steam engines and steam boilers, in and for the city of Philadelphia.

Section 1. Mayor to appoint inspector annually

The mayor of the City of Philadelphia may nominate, in the month of June, annually, and by and with the advice of the select council of the said city, appoint a person, skillful and competent, for the discharge of the duties hereinafter directed to be performed by him, to be the inspector of stationary engines, in and for the City of Philadelphia; he shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with security, to be approved by the mayor; he shall enter upon the performance of its duties on the first Monday of July, in every year hereafter, and shall hold until his successor be duly qualified; any vacancy shall be filled in like manner, and the mayor may, at any time, suspend the said inspector from the further performance of the duties, until the councils of the city of philadelphia shall otherwise direct. 1864, May 7, P.L. 880, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Duties and powers

It shall be the duty of the inspector carefully to examine and inspect all stationary steam engines and steam boilers, erected, or in use, at the time this act goes into effect; and thereafter, no stationary steam engine, or steam boilers, shall be erected and put into use and operation, in the City of Philadelphia, without being first inspected and certified to be competent and safe, under the hand and seal of the officer created by this act; and he shall furnish to the owner, proprietor or other person, using such engine, or steam boilers, a certificate, under his hand and the seal of his office, that it has been so inspected, and found to be competent and safe; he shall, from time to time, and as often as he may deem expedient, examine all, or any, such engines, or steam boilers, in use, or operation, and, for such purpose, he, together with his assistants, may enter upon any premises, and require the removal of any part of the building, fixtures, or machinery, and he shall note in a book, to be kept for that purpose, the result of every such examination; and he shall, at least once in every year, make such examination, and give certificate of the result thereof, whenever required. 1864, May 7, P.L. 880, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Regulations; assistants; compensation; fees for services

The councils of the City of Philadelphia shall have power to make all needful rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying the foregoing provisions into effect, and shall provide for the establishment of an office for the said inspector; also, for so many and such assistants, and other officers, as they may deem necessary, shall fix adequate rates of compensation for the

said inspector and all other officers, shall establish the fees for services under this act, which shall be paid into the treasury of the City of Philadelphia, and shall provide such other regulations, as may be necessary, to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and they may provide for the performance of the duties, hereinbefore enjoined, by the deputies, or other assistants of the said inspector, as they may deem necessary. 1864, May 7, P.L. 880, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Penalty for using engines or boilers without certificate

If any person shall, on or after the first Monday of July next, maintain, or keep in use, or operation, or shall thereafter put in use, or operation, any stationary steam engine, or steam boiler, within the said City of Philadelphia, without having first received a certificate that the same has been found to be safe and competent, as is hereinbefore provided for, or shall put, or keep, in use, or operation, any such stationary steam engine, or steam boilers, within the said city, after notice from the said inspector that the same is not competent and safe, he, or she, so offending, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction in the court of quarter sessions for the said county, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and to undergo imprisonment in the jail of said county, either with, or without, labor, as the court may direct, for a term not exceeding two years; and each and every such person shall be liable for all damages that may accrue directly, or indirectly to any person, or persons, whatever. 1864, May 7, P.L. 880, Sec. 4.