

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2422**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

HB 2422 would modify the Boiler Safety Act to remove statutory qualifications of the chief inspector of boiler safety and deputy inspectors.

Current law requires a chief inspector have:

- No less than five years of experience in the construction, installation, repair, operation, or inspection of boilers, steam generators, superheaters, or pressure vessels;
- Hold an in-service commission; and
- The following endorsements issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI):
  - An “A” endorsement; and
  - A “B” endorsement, or the ability to acquire such endorsement within 18 months after appointment as chief inspector.

Current law requires a deputy inspector have:

- Completed courses and training, and have experience in the construction, installation, repair, operation, or inspection of boilers or pressure vessels, with at least two years of time spent in the

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aggregate on education, training, and experience;  
or

- Have at least five years' experience in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or plumbing fields related to the installation or repair of boilers or pressure vessels; and
- Hold an in-service commission issued by the NBBI, or the ability to acquire such commission within 12 months after appointment as deputy inspector.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of the State Fire Marshal.

### ***House Committee on Federal and State Affairs***

In the House Committee hearing, the State Fire Marshal provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill would allow the agency to work with the Department of Administration on creating entry level positions and appropriate position descriptions, which are needed due to difficulty in filling open job vacancies. He also stated this bill would allow the agency to begin an apprentice program with vocational schools in the state.

No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the State Fire Marshal indicates the enactment of this bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations.

State Fire Marshal; National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors; chief inspector; deputy inspector; boilers; qualifications; Boiler Safety Act