

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB264

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2017
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Albrecht
One Liner: Change provisions relating to qualifications of boiler inspectors

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Albrecht, Chambers, Crawford, Halloran, Hansen, Howard,
Lowe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Joni Albrecht
John Albin

Representing:

Introducer
Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Labor

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 264 updates section 48-721 of the Boiler Inspection Act to account for changes in boiler inspection industry terminology. The National Board is the organization that commissions boiler inspectors worldwide. This board has changed the names of the commissions and endorsements that it issues and the way the commissions and endorsements are described. LB 264 updates this law so it will match the industry's standard language.

LB 264 updates the qualifications of the state boiler inspector to reflect current requirements. LB 264 changes the "A" endorsement held by a state boiler inspector working under the commissioner, to an "AI" Commission. An "AI" Commission is issued to boiler inspectors that inspect boilers during their design, manufacture/construction, and testing prior to being shipped and installed for use (i.e. New Construction Commission).

It also requires the state boiler inspector to acquire an "R" endorsement. An R" endorsement is issued to a holder of an "IS" or an "AI" Commission and designates that that person is competent to perform inspections of boiler repair companies and boiler repair work.

The bill also requires deputy inspectors to hold an "IS" Commission or "AI" Commission. An "IS" Commission is issued to boiler inspectors that inspect boilers after they have been manufactured and are installed for operation and those boilers that are in service (i.e. In-Service Commission).

Amendment (AM 57)

AM 57 replaces the bill. It changes references to the appointment of a state boiler inspector with "employment."

It requires the state boiler inspector to hold an "AI" or "IS" Commission from the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. It also requires the state boiler inspector to either hold "B" and "R" endorsements to his/her commission at the time of hire or acquire such endorsements within eighteen months of employment.

The amendment also requires deputy inspectors hired by the commissioner to hold an "IS" Commission from the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors or to acquire the same within twelve months of hire.

Joni Albrecht, Chairperson