

Amend Low Pressure Boiler Licensure Requirements:

Current statutory and regulatory licensure requirements require a licensed person to operate low pressure boilers exceeding 100 horsepower and remain on the premises and, at a minimum, monitor the conditions of the boiler at least once every two hours. This requirement is expensive and no other Mid Atlantic or Northeast state has similar requirements.

Specifically, the current statute (“Engineers’ and Firemen’s Licenses; Boilers, Pressure Vessels and Refrigeration Plants”; N.J.S.A. 34:7-1) and regulation (“Boilers, Pressure Vessels and Refrigeration”; N.J.A.C. 12:90-3.5) should be amended to remove the licensure requirement for low pressure boiler operators. The MEL is not suggesting any change for high pressure boiler operators. The MEL also suggests removal of the operational regulations for licensed operators under N.J.A.C. 12:90-3.10, including the overly burdensome duties to remain on the premises and monitor the boiler every two hours. Any installation and safety requirements associated with the operation of low pressure boilers can be addressed by local construction officials and/or the DCA. In addition, any safety concerns can be addressed via low water level automatic shutoffs, which would be installed by licensed plumbers and inspected by the local construction official or by the Department of Community Affairs for large installations.