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**BILL NO:** House Bill No. 489

**DATE:** February 21, 1992

**TITLE:** "An Act relating to the safety requirements for boilers, unfired pressure vessels, and elevators; and providing for an effective date."

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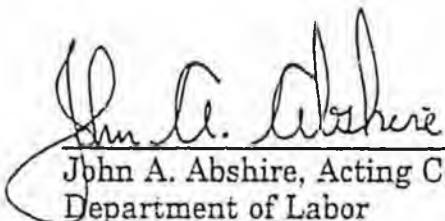
House Bill No. 489, "An Act relating to the safety requirements for boilers, unfired pressure vessels, and elevators; and providing for an effective date." enables better management of inspection schedules for boilers and unfired pressure vessels and implements the most current set of nationally adopted standards for boilers and pressure vessels and for elevators and escalators.

The bill amends the law to require that the Department of Labor is notified of the installation of a boiler or unfired pressure vessel and repeals the requirement that the State inspect boilers and unfired pressure vessels during installation. Currently, there is no assurance that the Department is informed of the installation. In addition, there is a current backlog of approximately 5,000 inspections. These amendments would insure that the Department of Labor is provided with information concerning the installation of boilers or unfired pressure vessels and allow the Department to schedule inspections more efficiently.

House Bill No. 489 also amends AS 18.60.315 to adopt the most current edition of the manual that sets the inspection standard for the State for boiler and pressure vessels and amends AS 18.60.800(a) to adopt the most current edition of the safety code for elevators and escalators. The amendment excludes a new section of the code which provides for the inspection of elevators on offshore drilling rigs and on ships; these inspections are within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The bill also removes some specific inspection certificate posting requirements in order to address practical problems that arise in attempting to meet those requirements for a certificate that covers more than one boiler or pressure vessel.

The Department of Labor supports this legislation.

  
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John A. Abshire, Acting Commissioner  
Department of Labor

**POSITION PAPER/Department of Labor**

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA  
 1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: "An Act relating to the safety requirements for boilers, unfired pressure vessels,..."  
 Sponsor: House Labor & Commerce  
 Requestor: House Labor & Commerce

Department Affected: Labor  
 BRU: Labor Standards & Safety  
 Component: Mechanical Inspection  
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 346

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
FUND SOURCE:						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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The Honorable Drue Pearce  
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Alaska State Senate  
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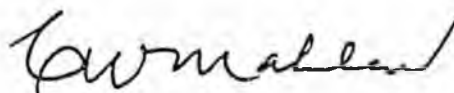
Dear Senator Pearce:

House Bill No. 489, "An Act relating to the safety requirements for boilers, unfired pressure vessels, and elevators; and providing for an effective date" passed the House April 14th, was transmitted to the Senate and has been referred to the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee. I am requesting that you schedule it for a hearing as soon as possible.

The bill was introduced by the House Labor & Commerce Committee at the request of the Department. This legislation will enable better management of inspection schedules for boilers and unfired pressure vessels and will implement the most current set of nationally adopted standards for boilers and pressure vessels and for elevators and escalators.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for a hearing on House Bill No. 489. A sectional analysis, Department Position Paper, fiscal note and a copy of the bill are enclosed for your information. Please do not hesitate to contact my Special Assistant, Arbe Williams, if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,



C. W. Mahlen  
Commissioner

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Enclosures

## Section-by-Section Analysis

### House Bill No. 489 Boiler, Pressure Vessel & Elevator Safety

**House Bill No. 489, "An Act relating to the safety requirements for boilers, unfired pressure vessels, and elevators; and providing for an effective date."** enables better management of inspection schedules for boilers and unfired pressure vessels, and implements the most current set of nationally-adopted standards for boilers and pressure vessels, elevators and escalators.

**Section 1** adds the requirement that the Department of Labor is notified of the installation of a boiler or unfired pressure vessel. Currently, the law requires inspection of each boiler and unfired pressure vessel during installation. However, there is no assurance that the Department is informed of the installation. In addition, there is a current backlog of approximately 5,000 inspections. This amendment would insure that the Department of Labor is provided with information concerning the installation of boilers or unfired pressure vessels and allow the Department to schedule inspections more efficiently.

**Section 2** amends AS 18.60.315 to adopt the most current edition of the manual that sets the inspection standards for boilers and pressure vessels.

**Section 3** removes some specific inspection certificate posting requirements in order to address practical problems that arise in attempting to meet those requirements for a certificate that covers more than one boiler or pressure vessel.

**Section 4** amends AS 18.60.800(a) to adopt the most current edition of the safety code for elevators and escalators. The amendment excludes a new section of the code which provides for the inspection of elevators on offshore drilling rigs and on ships; these inspections are within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Section 5** repeals the requirement that the State inspect boilers and unfired pressure vessels during installation. The current requirement is impractical because the Department of Labor has no requirement for notification of an installation. By repealing this section and enacting Section 1, new installations can be tracked and inspections scheduled in an efficient manner.

**Section 6** provides for an effective date of July 1, 1992.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE BILL NO. 489

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

1992  
2/18 Read first time and referred to:  
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3/11 FIN RPT CS( ) New Title  
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FN 1 OFN Previous FN

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DP DNP NR AM  
FN OFN Previous FN

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DP DNP NR AM  
FN OFN Previous FN

4/14 Read second time  
CS( ) Adopted

Amended

4/14 Advanced

4/14 Read third time

Return to second for specific amendment

4/14 PASSED EFD Same  or  
Yeas 39 Yeas  
Nays 1 Nays  
Excused 0 Excused  
Absent 0 Absent

Intent adopted

Reconsideration  
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED ON RECON. EFD Same \_\_\_ or  
Yeas Yeas  
Nays Nays  
Excused Excused  
Absent Absent

Intent adopted

4/14 Reported correctly engrossed  
Signed by Speaker, to the Senate

*Rustan Coakley*  
Chief Clerk of the House

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

1992  
4/15 Read first time and referred to:  
L & C

RPT( ) CS DP NR DNP AM  
New Title Same Title Previous FN  
FN OFN To

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New Title Same Title Previous FN  
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RPT( ) CS DP NR DNP AM  
New Title Same Title Previous FN  
FN OFN To

Rules Calendar( ) CS AM Other  
New Title Same Title Previous FN  
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Read second time

CS Adopted ( ) New Title  
Amended Advanced

Read third time

Letter of Intent adopted  
Return to second for specific amendment

PASSED EFD Same \_\_\_ or  
Yeas Yeas  
Nays Nays  
Excused Excused  
Absent Absent

Reconsideration  
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED EFD Same \_\_\_ or  
Yeas Yeas  
Nays Nays  
Excused Excused  
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Reported correctly engrossed  
Signed by President, to the House

Secretary of the Senate