

Opposition to Article 87 – “An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Safety”

My name is Frank Zarrella and I've been a duly licensed Boiler / Pressure Vessel Inspector for 16 years.

I worked 3 years for the Department of Public Safety as a District Engineering Inspector (Boiler Inspector) and the past 12 years for the insurance industry as an Insurance Boiler Inspector.

Although on the surface, having the Department of Public Safety join a very noble and prestigious agency as the State Fire Marshall may seem a good-fit, the concern I have as an insurance “Boiler Inspector” is State enforcement of pressure vessel codes.

If the Article 87 were to pass; a number of State District Engineering Inspectors a.k.a. “State Boiler Inspectors” currently working for the DPS, would be displaced to other duties not involving the enforcement of boiler and pressure vessel codes. Boiler Codes which set the foundation for national standards over 100 years ago.

As an insurance Boiler Inspector; many times I've experienced the culture-shock of my customers NOT complying with State Boiler Code violations of a serious nature. I did not experience the same lack of compliance when I was a State Boiler Inspector.

My only recourse as an Insurance Boiler Inspector, is to withhold a piece of paper called a “certificate of inspection.” Yet the customers insurance on the unsafe object remains in effect.

Many times I've needed to contact a State District Engineering Inspector (State Boiler Inspector) to intervene requiring the customer or “owner/user” to comply with safety violations I've written, as only a State Boiler Inspector can order an unsafe boiler or pressure vessel to be immediately shut down due to “imminent danger.”

State Boiler Inspectors also perform compliance checks determining if duly licensed tradesman have performed work in accordance with State Regulations. An insurance Boiler Inspector does not have the legal latitude to perform that critical function.

A State District Engineering Inspector (State Boiler Inspector) is the back-bone of enforcement. Not having the proper volume of State Boiler Inspectors, would be the equivalent of not having ample fire fighters or police officers to adequately protect, rescue, or enforce laws affecting Public Safety and Good Order.

I hope this committee will render a position of “NO” regarding the reorganization of the Department of Public Safety.

Respectfully Submitted

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