

Senate Bill 307

Date: March 27, 2024
Committee: House Economic Matters Committee
Bill Title: Public Safety - Board of Boiler Rules - Membership, Sunset Extension, and Report
Re: **Letter of Support w/ Amendments**

The Maryland Department of Labor (MDL) strongly supports SB307, which will continue to make our state safe for workers and citizens. This critical legislation will allow the Board of Boiler Rules to continue to operate beyond its current July 1, 2024, sunset date.

The Board of Boiler Rules advises State regulators and formulates regulations to ensure the safe construction, operation, installation, maintenance, repair, and inspection of boilers and pressure vessels. Safety inspectors employed by the State and the insurance industry play a critical role in verifying that boilers have been installed and are being maintained in compliance with regulations and industry standards.

The Department respectfully requests a minor amendment to SB307. Upon introduction of the legislation, it was brought to the Department's attention that the Board does not currently have a seat designated for labor representation. To that end, we have suggested an amendment expanding the number of Board seats to ensure that labor representation in this industry is achieved.

The Department respectfully requests a favorable with amendment report from the Committee on SB307.

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 307
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 1, after **REPRESENTATIVE**, insert "**OF LABOR**"