

HOUSE BILL 489

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2012

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Inspection – Exceptions**

3 FOR the purpose of excluding certain pressure vessels from the requirement that each
4 boiler and pressure vessel in the State be inspected, tested, and maintained in a
5 safe operating condition; and generally relating to boiler and pressure vessel
6 safety.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 12–901(a) and (l) and 12–909(d)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 12–901.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (l) (1) “Pressure vessel” means a vessel in which the pressure is obtained:

23 (i) from an external source; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) by the application of heat from:

2 1. an indirect source; or

3 2. a direct source other than a boiler.

4 (2) "Pressure vessel" does not include a pipe, piping component, or
5 structure whose primary function is to transport fluids.

6 12-909.

7 (a) The requirements of this section and §§ 12-910 and 12-911 of this
8 subtitle do not apply to:

9 (1) a boiler or pressure vessel that is located on a farm and used solely
10 for agricultural purposes;

11 (2) a heating boiler that is located in a private residence or an
12 apartment house with less than six family units;

13 (3) a pressure vessel that:

14 (i) contains only water under pressure for domestic supply
15 purposes, including a pressure vessel that contains air, the compression of which
16 serves only as a cushion or airlift pumping system; and

17 (ii) is located in a private residence or an apartment house with
18 less than six family units; **[or]**

19 (4) an exhibition or antique boiler or pressure vessel, including a
20 steam or gas engine, wheat thresher, or antique tractor, if the boiler or pressure
21 vessel:

22 (i) has been inspected and issued a certificate of inspection by
23 another state that has safety requirements equal to or greater than those of this State;
24 and

25 (ii) has been brought into this State to be used in a temporary
26 exhibit or show; **OR**

27 **(5) A PRESSURE VESSEL THAT:**

28 **(I) OPERATES AT PRESSURES NOT EXCEEDING 140 PSIG;**

29 **AND**

1 **(II) HAS A CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 200 GALLONS OF**
2 **COMPRESSED AIR.**

3 (d) (1) Except for boilers and pressure vessels exempt under subsection
4 (a) of this section or § 12-903 of this subtitle, each boiler and each pressure vessel that
5 is used or proposed to be used in the State shall be inspected, tested, and maintained
6 in a safe operating condition in accordance with the regulations adopted by the
7 Commissioner in conjunction with the Board.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2012.