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House Bill 4937 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Bruce Caswell  
House Committee: Regulatory Reform  
Senate Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Boiler Act to add to the Board of Boiler Rules a member representing antique steam engine owners and operators; and add a definition of "antique steam boiler" to the Act.**

Under the bill, a 12<sup>th</sup> member would be added to the Board of Boiler Rules created in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The new board member would have to be a representative of antique steam boiler owners and operators. Currently, 11 members serve on the board, which prescribes uniform rules for boilers; provides for the licensing of boiler inspectors, installers, and repairers; sets fees for licenses, permits, inspections, and certificates; and prescribes penalties for violations of the Act.

The 11 current board members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve a term of four years. The appointment procedure and term length for the newly created board member position would be the same as for existing members.

Additionally, the bill would define "antique steam boiler" as "a boiler that is no longer used in production applications and is used to demonstrate the historical significance of steam boilers in American history".

Under the Act, antique traction steam boilers must be inspected once every three years, and those used for commercial purposes must be inspected annually. The bill would delete language setting a fee of \$25, if the inspection is made by a deputy inspector, and providing that the fee is not subject to change by rule. The bill also would refer to "antique steam boilers" (deleting "traction").

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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