

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

It has been suggested that there is a need for more flexibility with regard to extending intervals between internal inspections of certain steam collection or liberation drums of process steam generators. H.B. 2228 seeks to address this issue by providing for longer extensions of intervals between such boiler inspections under certain conditions.

H.B. 2228 amends current law relating to the inspection of certain boilers.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 755.026, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c-1), as follows:

(a) Authorizes the inspection interval, for unfired steam boilers or steam collection or liberation drums of process steam generators, to be extended to the next scheduled downtime of the boiler, but not exceeding a total of:

- (1) makes a nonsubstantive change to this subdivision;
- (2) 120 months for steam collection or liberation drums of process steam generators manufactured before January 1, 1970; or
- (3) 144 months for steam collection or liberation drums of process steam generators manufactured on or after January 1, 1970.

(c-1) Authorizes the executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the inspection agency on request to grant an extension for a period not to exceed 24 months in addition to the extension authorized under Subsection (a)(2). Requires the request to include a report issued by an engineer licensed by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers certifying:

- (1) completion in accordance with industry standards of a quantitative engineering assessment for in-service equipment, repairs, and alterations prescribed by the National Board Inspection Code NB23; and
- (2) based on the assessment, the steam collection or liberation drums of the process steam generator are safe to operate.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.