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Support for clarity and consistency in fire code standards so child care centers and other family-serving facilities operate in a stable, predictable regulatory environment so they are better able to open, expand, and stay open. That stability directly supports families—and it helps women reenter and remain in the workforce by ensuring safe, reliable care options are available in their communities.



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HB 2269 removes existing statutory qualification requirements for deputy boiler inspectors, including:

**Minimum five years' experience in boiler construction, operation, inspection, or repair; and
 The requirement to pass the examination provided under § 650.250.**

The bill leaves appointment criteria to the director without statutory standards.

**1. Removal of Objective Qualification Standards
 Mo. Const. Art. II, § 1 — Separation of Powers**

Current law establishes clear professional prerequisites for inspectors responsible for high-pressure boiler oversight — a public safety function involving explosion risk, industrial safety, and life-safety infrastructure.

**HB 2269 eliminates:
 Experience thresholds,
 Technical credentialing requirements,
 Mandatory examination safeguards.**

By removing objective statutory standards, the bill transfers unchecked discretion to the executive branch without legislative guardrails.

While delegation is permissible, complete removal of qualification criteria for safety-critical inspectors increases nondelegation scrutiny.

2. Public Safety & Due Process Exposure

**Boiler inspectors regulate:
 Pressure vessels,
 Industrial steam systems,
 Equipment capable of catastrophic failure.**

**Eliminating baseline competency requirements may:
 Increase liability exposure for negligent inspections,
 Undermine administrative due process in enforcement actions,**

Create vulnerability in litigation following industrial accidents.

Statutes governing safety regulators are typically structured to demonstrate competency standards for precisely this reason.

3. Arbitrary Appointment Risk

Without statutory qualifications:

**Appointments may become discretionary and non-uniform,
Enforcement credibility may be challenged in administrative appeals,
Regulated entities may argue lack of qualified oversight in enforcement disputes.**

Objective criteria protect both the public and the agency from arbitrariness claims.

Legislative Notice:

The General Assembly is placed on notice that HB 2269's elimination of statutory experience and examination requirements for deputy boiler inspectors removes objective safety qualifications and transfers unchecked appointment discretion to the executive branch, creating foreseeable separation-of-powers, administrative due process, and liability exposure if enacted without replacement standards.