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AN ACT relating to public safety; exempting certain water heaters from the standards that an owner of a boiler must comply with; authorizing the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry to adopt regulations establishing requirements relating to equipment and apparatuses used in connection with water heaters; requiring the Division to revise its regulations to conform with the exemption for certain water heaters; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law sets forth various standards that an owner of a boiler must comply with. (Chapter 455C of NRS) **Section 1.2** of this bill defines the term “water heater” and **section 1.4** of this bill provides that the standards governing boilers do not apply to a water heater if, with regard to the water heater, certain limitations are not exceeded. **Section 1.5** of this bill authorizes the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry to adopt regulations that apply to equipment and apparatuses used in connection with a water heater. **Section 1.6** of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper placement of **section 1.2** within the Nevada Revised Statutes. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Division to revise its regulations to conform with the provisions of **section 1.4**.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 455C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.2, 1.4 and 1.5 of this act.

Sec. 1.2. *“Water heater” means an appliance that is:*

- 1. Designed primarily to supply hot water for domestic or commercial purposes; and*
- 2. Equipped with automatic controls which limit water temperature to a maximum of 210 degrees Fahrenheit (99 degrees Centigrade).*

Sec. 1.4. *The provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto do not apply to a water heater if, with regard to the water heater, none of the following limitations is exceeded:*

- 1. An input of heat of 199,999 British thermal units per hour (58,600 watts).*



2. A water temperature of 210 degrees Fahrenheit (99 degrees Centigrade).

3. A water capacity of 120 gallons (450 liters).

Sec. 1.5. *Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1.4 of this act, the Division may adopt regulations that apply to the equipment and apparatuses used in connection with a water heater.*

Sec. 1.6. NRS 455C.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

455C.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 455C.020 to 455C.080, inclusive, *and section 1.2 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 1.8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. 1. The provisions of any regulation adopted by the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry which conflict with the provisions of section 1.4 of this act are void and must not be given effect to the extent of the conflict.

2. The Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry shall amend or repeal any of its existing regulations that conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of section 1.4 of this act as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act.

Sec. 3. 1. This section and sections 1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 and 2 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

