AN ACT CONCERNING SMALL HOT WATER HEATERS.

SUMMARY

This bill exempts certain hot water heaters from the state Safety Code for Boilers and Hot Water Heaters. The exemption applies to heaters (1) approved by a nationally recognized testing agency and equipped with adequate safety devices, including a temperature and pressure release valve; (2) with a nominal capacity of up to 10 gallons and a heat input of up to 20,000 BTUs (British thermal units) per hour; and (3) installed in any occupancy.

The law already exempts hot water heaters meeting the first criterion listed above if they (1) have a capacity of up to 120 gallons and a heat input of no more than 200,000 BTUs per hour, (2) are solely for hot water supply carrying a pressure of up to 160 PSI (pounds per square inch), and (3) operate at a temperature of up to 210 degrees Fahrenheit. However, this exemption does not apply to heaters in schools, day care centers, hospitals, nursing or boarding homes, churches, or public buildings.

Generally, the Safety Code for Boilers and Hot Water Heaters regulates boiler and hot water heater design, construction, installation, repair, use, and operation. Among other things, it requires that boilers and hot water heaters subject to the code be registered with the Department of Administrative Services and inspected by a boiler inspector (CGS §§ 29-231 to -244).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 23  Nay 0  (03/04/2021)