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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2732**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to occupational licensing; modifying electrical licenses; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 326B.31, subdivision 14, by adding
1.4 subdivisions; 326B.33, subdivision 19, by adding a subdivision.
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.31, subdivision 14, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 14. **Contractor.** "Contractor" means a person who performs or offers to
1.9 perform any electrical work, with or without compensation, who is licensed as a contractor
1.10 by the commissioner. A contractor's license does not of itself qualify its holder to perform
1.11 or supervise the electrical work authorized by holding any class of electrician's or other
1.12 personal license. Contractor includes electrical contractors, satellite system contractors,
1.13 and technology system contractors.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.31, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.15 to read:

1.16 Subd. 31. **Satellite broadcast communication system.** "Satellite broadcast
1.17 communication system" means antenna and receiving equipment to receive and transmit
1.18 communication signals from satellite sources as covered by the National Electrical Code.
1.19 Satellite broadcast communication system is a subset of technology circuits and systems.

1.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.31, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.21 to read:

2.1 Subd. 32. **Satellite system installer.** "Satellite system installer" means an individual
2.2 having the necessary training, knowledge, and experience to plan, lay out, supervise,
2.3 and install, maintain, and repair wiring, apparatus, and equipment for satellite broadcast
2.4 communication systems.

2.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.33, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.6 to read:

2.7 Subd. 7a. **Satellite system installer.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no
2.8 individual shall install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, or supervise the installing, altering,
2.9 repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for satellite
2.10 broadcast communication systems unless:

2.11 (1) the electrical work is for a licensed contractor and the individual is an employee,
2.12 partner, or officer of, or is the licensed contractor; or

2.13 (2)(i) the individual provides certification to the board demonstrating successful
2.14 completion of the National Standards and Testing Program for satellite system installers
2.15 sponsored by the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association of America,
2.16 Inc. or other program approved by the board and (ii) has passed an examination approved
2.17 or administered by the commissioner.

2.18 (b) Individuals who fulfill the requirements of this subdivision under paragraph (a),
2.19 clause (2), are prohibited from performing any other function allowed under the limited
2.20 power technician license.

2.21 (c) Satellite system installers shall be subject to the fees provided for under section
2.22 326B.33, subdivision 19, paragraph (b), clause (2).

2.23 (d) Licensees must attain eight hours of continuing education under rules adopted
2.24 by the board.

2.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 326B.33, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

2.26 **Subd. 19. License, registration, and renewal fees; expiration.** (a) Unless
2.27 revoked or suspended under this chapter, all licenses issued or renewed under this section
2.28 expire on the date specified in this subdivision. Master licenses expire March 1 of each
2.29 odd-numbered year after issuance or renewal. Electrical contractor licenses expire March
2.30 1 of each even-numbered year after issuance or renewal. Technology system contractor
2.31 and satellite system contractor licenses expire August 1 of each even-numbered year after
2.32 issuance or renewal. All other personal licenses expire two years from the date of original
2.33 issuance and every two years thereafter. Registrations of unlicensed individuals expire
2.34 one year from the date of original issuance and every year thereafter.

(b) For purposes of calculating license fees and renewal license fees required under section 326B.092:

(1) the registration of an unlicensed individual under subdivision 12 shall be considered an entry level license;

(2) the following licenses shall be considered journeyman licenses: Class A journeyman electrician, Class B journeyman electrician, Class A installer, Class B installer, elevator constructor, lineman, maintenance electrician, and power limited technician;

(3) the following licenses shall be considered master licenses: Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician, and master elevator constructor; and

(4) the following licenses shall be considered business licenses: Class A electrical contractor, Class B electrical contractor, elevator contractor, and technology systems contractor.

(c) For each filing of a certificate of responsible person by an employer, the fee is \$100.

Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 5 are effective October 1, 2012.