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H. F. No. 4164

03/12/2026 Authored by Dippel The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor and industry; exempting irrigation systems installers from power
1.3 limited technician licensure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement,
1.4 section 326B.33, subdivision 21.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 326B.33, subdivision 21, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 21. Exemptions from licensing. (a) An individual who is a maintenance electrician
1.9 is not required to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 if:

1.10 (1) the individual is engaged in the maintenance and repair of electrical equipment,
1.11 apparatus, and facilities that are owned or leased by the individual's employer and that are
1.12 located within the limits of property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased by
1.13 the individual's employer;

1.14 (2) the individual is supervised by:

1.15 (i) the responsible master electrician for a contractor who has contracted with the
1.16 individual's employer to provide services for which a contractor's license is required; or

1.17 (ii) a licensed master electrician, a licensed maintenance electrician, an electrical engineer,
1.18 or, if the maintenance and repair work is limited to technology circuits or systems work, a
1.19 licensed power limited technician; and

1.20 (3) the individual's employer has on file with the commissioner a current certificate of
1.21 responsible person, signed by the responsible master electrician of the contractor, the licensed
1.22 master electrician, the licensed maintenance electrician, the electrical engineer, or the

2.1 licensed power limited technician, and stating that the person signing the certificate is
2.2 responsible for ensuring that the maintenance and repair work performed by the employer's
2.3 employees complies with the Minnesota Electrical Act and the rules adopted under that act.
2.4 The employer must pay a filing fee to file a certificate of responsible person with the
2.5 commissioner. The certificate shall expire two years from the date of filing. In order to
2.6 maintain a current certificate of responsible person, the employer must resubmit a certificate
2.7 of responsible person, with a filing fee, no later than two years from the date of the previous
2.8 submittal.

2.9 (b) Employees of a licensed electrical or technology systems contractor or other employer
2.10 where provided with supervision by a master electrician in accordance with subdivision 1,
2.11 or power limited technician in accordance with subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (1), are
2.12 not required to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 for the planning, laying
2.13 out, installing, altering, and repairing of technology circuits or systems except planning,
2.14 laying out, or installing:

2.15 (1) in other than residential dwellings, class 2 or class 3 remote control circuits that
2.16 control circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3, except circuits that interconnect
2.17 these systems through communication, alarm, and security systems are exempted from this
2.18 paragraph;

2.19 (2) class 2 or class 3 circuits in electrical cabinets, enclosures, or devices containing
2.20 physically unprotected circuits other than class 2 or class 3;

2.21 (3) class 4 circuits or systems; or

2.22 (4) technology circuits or systems in hazardous classified locations as covered by the
2.23 National Electrical Code.

2.24 (c) Companies and their employees that plan, lay out, install, alter, or repair class 2 and
2.25 class 3 remote control wiring associated with plug or cord and plug connected appliances
2.26 other than security or fire alarm systems installed in a residential dwelling are not required
2.27 to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399.

2.28 (d) Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and their
2.29 employees are not required to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399
2.30 when performing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration work as described
2.31 in section 326B.38.

2.32 (e) Employees of any electrical, communications, or railway utility, cable communications
2.33 company as defined in section 238.02, or a telephone company as defined under section

3.1 237.01 or its employees, or of any independent contractor performing work on behalf of
3.2 any such utility, cable communications company, or telephone company, shall not be required
3.3 to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399:

3.4 (1) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are owned
3.5 or leased, and operated and maintained by such utility, cable communications company, or
3.6 telephone company in the exercise of its utility, antenna, or telephone function, and which:

3.7 (i) are used exclusively for the generation, transformation, distribution, transmission, or
3.8 metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of
3.9 intelligence and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current
3.10 or provided service by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable
3.11 communications company, or telephone company;

3.12 (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications
3.13 company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction; and

3.14 (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for communication
3.15 systems;

3.16 (2) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are a part of
3.17 the street lighting operations of such utility; or

3.18 (3) while installing or performing work on outdoor area lights which are directly
3.19 connected to a utility's distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles,
3.20 and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under
3.21 its control or direction.

3.22 (f) An individual who physically performs electrical work on a residential dwelling that
3.23 is located on a property the individual owns and actually occupies as a residence or owns
3.24 and will occupy as a residence upon completion of its construction is not required to hold
3.25 or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 if the residential dwelling has a
3.26 separate electrical utility service not shared with any other residential dwelling.

3.27 (g) Companies and their employees licensed under section 326B.164 shall not be required
3.28 to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 while performing elevator
3.29 work.

3.30 (h) An individual who is engaged in the installation, repair, or maintenance of landscape
3.31 irrigation systems is not required to hold or obtain a license under subdivision 7. For purposes
3.32 of this section, "Landscape irrigation system" means all pumps, lines, or sprinkler heads
3.33 that have a sole purpose of irrigating landscape plants or grass.