

H. F. No. 130.

CHAPTER 319.

Regulating
employment
of journeymen
plumbers.

An act to prevent incompetent persons from working as journeymen plumber(s) or conducting the business of plumbing in any city or town having a population of ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or more, which has a system of sewer or water works in the State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

Certificate of
competency
in cities of
10,000
inhabitants
having sewer
and water
works
system.

SECTION 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation engaged in the plumbing business in any city or town having a population of ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or more, which has a system of sewer or water works in the state of Minnesota, to employ as journeyman plumber in said business any person, or persons, except those qualified to work as registered plumber(s); and no person shall be qualified to work as a registered plumber, or to act as plumbing inspector, unless said persons have (person has) made application and received from the state board of commissioners of practical plumbing a certificate of competency, and has complied with the provisions of this act.

Penalty for
working at
plumbing
without
compliance
with
provisions of
this act.

SEC. 2. That if any person or persons, after the passage of this act, shall engage in, or work at the plumbing business as journeyman plumber in any city or town having a population of ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or more which has a system of sewer or water works in the state of Minnesota, without first complying with the provisions of this act, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of fifty (50) dollars for each and every violation of said act; said fine to be sued for in the name of the state, and before any qualified justice of the peace in said state.

Governor to
appoint
commission.

SEC. 3. That the governor shall appoint biennially five (5) persons, who shall constitute a board of commissioners, which shall be known and designated as "The State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing," and who shall be elected as follows:

Requirements
and duties of
the commis-
sion.

Five (5) practical plumbers, two (2) of whom shall be master plumbers engaged in the plumbing business, and resident freeholders of the state, two (2) shall be journeymen plumbers and freeholders of the state, the fifth (5th) to be one of the plumbing inspectors of any first-class city in the state possessing the same qualifications, whose duty it shall be to faithfully and impartially exe-

cute, or cause to be executed, all the provisions and requirements of this act; that they shall upon application and in such manner and at such place as they may determine, provided said place of examination shall be within the limits of the state of Minnesota, examine each and every person who shall desire to work at the plumbing business, touching his competency and qualifications; and upon being satisfied that the person so examined is competent and qualified to work at said business, they or any three (3) of them, shall grant such person a certificate of competency, under the provisions of this act, and register him in their books as a practical plumber, which shall operate as full authority to him to conduct and engage in the said business of plumbing.

Shall grant certificates.

SEC. 4. That the commissioners appointed under this act shall hold their several offices for the period of two (2) years, without compensation, commencing from the first (1st) day of May, next succeeding the date of the passage of this act, and thereafter until their successors have been appointed and qualified; said commissioners shall within thirty (30) days after notification of their appointment, each subscribe to an oath before the clerk of the supreme court of the state of Minnesota, to impartially and faithfully discharge the duties prescribed by this act; a failure to so qualify on the part of any appointee, within the time and manner named, shall create a vacancy, which the governor shall immediately proceed to fill by the appointment of some other practical plumber as required by the provisions of this act, as also in cases of death or resignation.

Commissioners to serve without compensation and take oath to perform duties.

SEC. 5. That the said board of commissioners shall demand and receive from each applicant for a certificate of competency, whom they examine and pass, the sum of three (3) dollars at the time of issuance of said certificate, and the sum of one (1) dollar for the renewal thereof, each and every year thereafter, on or before the first day of May; *provided*, that no person who shall be engaged in the general plumbing business at the time of the passage of this act, shall be required to make application for such certificate of competency for the period of one (1) year from the date of the passage of this act, commencing with the first day of May, next succeeding the passage of this act. Any person making application for examination under the provisions of this act and tendering the fee herein required, shall be permitted to practice said occupation of journeyman plumber until the first meeting of the board after the filing of such application.

Fees for certificates.

SEC. 6. That the money received under the provisions of the foregoing section shall be used and applied by

Disposition of moneys received.

said commissioners to defray the expenses accruing or arising under this act, and all surplus over and above the necessary expenses under this act shall be returned to the state treasurer for the use of the state.

Commission to make regulations and report to governor.

SEC. 7. That the said board of commissioners are hereby empowered to make such rules and regulations from time to time, for the proper execution of the provisions of this act, as in their judgment they may deem necessary and requisite; and that they shall be required to make a report of the condition of the board to the governor biennially, on or before the first day of February.

Public examinations.

Said board shall hold public examination at least four (4) times a year in cities of over fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants successively at such times as it may determine, and shall give notice of such meetings by publication thereof at least twenty (20) days before such meeting is to be held.

SEC. 8. That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 320.

H. F. No. 310.

Public highways.

An act relating to work upon public highways and defining the duties of township officers and overseers of highways in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

Township surveyors to superintend road construction.

SECTION 1. Whenever a majority of the voters of such township at any annual town meeting, or at any special town meeting called for that purpose, shall so direct it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to employ a competent surveyor or civil engineer to superintend the grading of the public highways in said town. In case the said board shall deem it for the best interests of said town to employ a surveyor or civil engineer, other than the county surveyor of the county in which such township is situate, the said county surveyor shall, upon request of said board, appoint the person so employed a deputy county surveyor, but the said county surveyor shall in no way become responsible for the acts of any such deputy, nor shall the person so appointed act as such deputy except in the township so requesting his appointment, nor except in relation to the public highways of such township.

To act as deputy to county surveyor for such purpose.