

shall be entitled to judgment against said company, and the action shall be dismissed against the other defendants.

SEC. 2. In actions brought in justice court under the provisions of this act, the plaintiff, if he recovers judgment for twenty-five dollars or over, shall be entitled to recover five dollars costs, and on appeals to the district court or any municipal court and the judgment is not reduced one-half, the plaintiff shall be entitled to recover ten dollars costs in that court, in addition to the amount allowed in justice court.

Costs of same in justice courts.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1899.

## CHAPTER 312.

H. F. No. 578.

*An act to regulate persons and corporations engaged in installing or repairing electrical wires and apparatus in certain cities of the State of Minnesota and to provide for licensing persons and corporations to carry on said business.*

Electrical companies; regulation of business in cities.

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

SECTION 1. The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall as soon as practical after the passage of this act appoint five (5) persons, two (2) of whom shall be at the time of appointment master electricians, two (2) of whom shall be at time of appointment journeymen electricians and one (1) who shall be at time of appointment a municipal electrical inspector of an incorporated city of this state, residents of this state, and said appointees shall constitute a state board of electricity; one of the persons so appointed shall hold office for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) years, unless sooner removed.

Governor to appoint state board of electricity.

Appointments to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal before expiration of term shall be made for the residue of such term by the governor, subject to consent of senate, and all appointments to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term shall be made in the same manner, and so that said board shall continue to be constituted as hereinbefore provided, viz.: of two (2) master

Vacancies in board to be filled by governor.

electricians, two (2) journeymen electricians and one (1) municipal electrical inspector, and shall be for a period of five (5) years each.

Members to take oath; how organized.

SEC. 2. The members of said board before entering upon their duties shall respectively take and subscribe the oath required by other state officers, which shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state, who is hereby authorized to administer same. They shall have power to elect out of their own number a president, secretary and treasurer and adopt such rules and by-laws for the transaction of the business of the board and the management of its affairs as they may deem expedient.

Compensation of members \$3 per day and 10 cents mileage.

SEC. 3. Each member of said board shall receive a compensation of three (3) dollars per day for actual service and ten (10) cents a mile for each mile actually traveled in attending the meetings of the board, which compensation shall be paid out of any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of said board;

*Provided*, that the said compensation shall in no event be paid out of the state treasury.

Meetings of board.

SEC. 4. Said board shall meet at least once each year at the capital of the state, and may hold special meetings as frequently as the proper and efficient discharge of its duties shall require, at a time and place to be fixed by the rules and by-laws of the board, and the rules and by-laws of the board shall provide for the giving of timely notice of meetings to every member of the board.

Majority constitutes quorum.

A majority of the members shall at any meeting organize and constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

All electricians to be registered in counties of over 125,000.

SEC. 5. In all counties of this state having a population of over one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) inhabitants, it shall be the duty of any person, persons or corporation, be they master electricians, journeymen electricians or special electricians, engaged in the business or work of installing or repairing wires and devices inside or outside of any building for the transmission of electrical current for arc or incandescent light, for motors, electrical gas lighting, electric heating and house annunciators, burglar alarms, telephone or telegraph systems, messenger call service, electric lighting fixtures and any other electrical apparatus of whatever nature at the time of the passage of this act, to cause within six (6) months after the passage of this act, his, her, their or its name or names and residence and whether they are master, journeymen or special electricians, and in case of master electricians, his, her, their or its place of business, to be registered with said board, whose secretary shall keep a book for the purpose and enter such registration therein, upon the payment of a fee of

Master electricians to have place of business registered and pay fee of \$2.

two (2) dollars; and if as a master electrician, upon giving bond as hereinafter provided, and a transcript from such book, certified to by the secretary with the common seal of said board, shall be evidence in any court of this state; and said board is hereby authorized to adopt and use a common seal and issue such certificates.

SEC. 6. In all counties of this state having a population of over one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) inhabitants, before any person, persons or corporation shall hereafter engage in the business of installing or repairing electrical wires and apparatus and before any person, persons or corporation now so engaged in said business, who shall have failed to register with said board, in accordance with section five (5) of this act, shall continue in said business, such person, persons or corporation shall apply to said board for a license to practice same, whereupon the applicant as aforesaid shall present himself or herself before said board at a time and place to be fixed by said board; if the board shall find upon due examination that the applicant or applicants are of good moral character, possessed of skill and knowledge in said business of installing and repairing electrical wires and devices inside or outside any building, for the transmission of electrical current for arc or incandescent light, for motors, electrical gas lighting, electrical heating and house annunciators, burglar alarm, telephone or telegraph systems, messenger call service, electrical lighting fixtures and other electrical apparatus, and have a reasonable knowledge of electricity and the natural laws appertaining to and governing same, the said board shall issue to said applicant or applicants, upon payment of the fee and giving the bond as hereinafter provided, a license to practice said business of installing and repairing electrical wires and apparatus, and shall register such applicant or applicants as duly licensed electricians. *Provided*, this act shall not apply to interstate telegraph or telephone companies, nor shall the employes of such telegraph or telephone companies be required to procure a license from the state board of electricity while employed in and engaged upon the work of said companies; and,

*Provided, further*, that electricians shall be divided into three (3) classes namely: master electricians, journeymen electricians, and special electricians; and no license shall be granted to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years except to special electricians. No license shall be granted to any person, persons or corporation as master electricians who has not taken and subscribed an oath that he, or in case of a corporation, one of the principal officers or manager of such corporation, has had at least three (3) years actual experience in installing and repair-

All electricians in counties of over 125,000 to procure license.

Qualifications and examinations of applicants.

Act not to apply to interstate telegraph or telephone companies.

Electricians to be divided into three classes, viz.: master, journeyman, special.

Qualifications of master electricians.

ing electrical wires and apparatus, or whose knowledge and experience and habits of life are not such as to justify the belief that he is competent to perform all classes of electrical work.

Qualifications  
of journeymen  
electricians.

No license shall be granted to any person as a journeyman electrician who has not taken and subscribed an oath that he has had at least three (3) years' actual experience in installing and repairing electrical wires and apparatus, or whose knowledge and experience and habits of life are not such as to warrant the belief that he is competent to install and repair electrical wires and apparatus.

Qualifications  
of special elec-  
tricians.

No license shall be granted to any person as a special electrician who has not taken and subscribed an oath that he has had at least two (2) years' experience in that special kind of electrical work for which he or she asks a license, or whose knowledge and experience and habits of life are not such as to warrant the belief that he is competent to perform the class and character of electrical work which he or she asks to be authorized to engage in by said special license so asked to be granted to him. And, *provided, further*, that each applicant at the time of filing his, her, their or its application shall pay to the treasurer of said state board of electricity the sum of five (5) dollars, if the application be for a master electrician's license; three (3) dollars, if the application be for a journeyman electrician's license, and two (2) dollars if the application be for a special electrician's license. And, *provided, further*, that every person, persons or corporation before receiving a master electrician's license, which license shall qualify, authorize and empower him, her, they or it to engage in business as a contracting and employing electrician and to hold himself, herself, themselves or itself out to the public as such, shall execute and deliver a bond in the penal sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars, with sufficient surety or sureties to be approved by and filed with the state board of electricity, conditioned for the faithful performance of any and all work entered upon or contracted for by said master electrician; said bond shall be for the use of and action may be maintained thereon by any and all persons injured or damaged by reason of want of skill or suitable or proper material used or employed in the performance of any work contracted for or undertaken by said master electrician or his, her, their or its servants and employes. And, *provided, further*, that no person, persons or corporation shall engage in the business of installing or repairing any of the electrical apparatus or devices hereinbefore mentioned, in any county of this

state having a population of over one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) inhabitants, without having first secured a license as such master electrician, except a journeyman while in the employ of a master electrician and except a special electrician within terms of his or her license, and except an employe of an interstate telegraph or telephone company while engaged in the work of such company.

SEC. 7. Said board shall have full power at any time to revoke any license granted by said board for proper cause and after a full hearing of all parties in interest.

Board may revoke licenses.

SEC. 8. Such license shall be signed by a majority of the board and attested with its seal.

SEC. 9. All persons receiving such license who shall register before said board as provided in section five (5) of this act, shall also register the fact at the office of the city electrical inspector, if there be one in the city in which he, she, they or it purposes to carry on business, and any person or persons or corporations obtaining a license under this law shall so register at the office of the city electrical inspector, if there be one in the city in which he, she, they or it purposes to carry on business as aforesaid, and shall also display said license in a conspicuous place in the office or place of business of such licensee if he, she, they or it maintains a place of business and any and every journeyman electrician shall produce for inspection on lawful demand his or her license. *Provided*, nothing in this act shall prohibit any person from serving as an apprentice in said trade under a duly licensed electrician, nor from attending as a student in any school wherein instruction concerning electricity, electrical appliances and apparatus and the natural laws governing same are taught; *provided, further*, that not more than one apprentice to two electricians shall be engaged by or allowed to any master electrician licensed under the provisions of this act.

Licensed electricians to register at office of city inspector.

SEC. 10. Any person, persons or corporation or member thereof who shall practice or engage in the business of installing or repairing electrical wires or apparatus in any county of this state having a population of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) inhabitants without having complied with the provisions of sections five (5) and six (6) of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, before any court, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten (10) dollars or more than one hundred (100) dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days.

Practicing contrary to this act misdemeanor; penalty.

SEC. 11. No license granted or issued under the provision of this act shall be assignable or transferable,

License non-transferable.

and every such license shall specify the name of the person, persons or corporation to whom it is issued.

Fees to pay expenses of board.

SEC. 12. All fees collected under the provisions of this act shall go to be used for the purpose of said board to defray its necessary expenses.

Board to report to governor each year.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of said board before the first Monday in January of each and every year to make a report in writing to the governor of this state, containing a detailed statement of the nature of the receipts and the manner of expenditure, and any balance of money remaining at the end of the year after payment of expenses, including per diem of members of board and other necessary expenses incurred by the members of the board in the discharge of their duty, shall be reserved by the treasurer of said board to meet the necessary expenses of ensuing year.

SEC. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20th, 1899.

H. F. No. 446.

### CHAPTER 313.

Minors in employ of telegraph and carrying companies.

*An act to prevent messenger, telegraph, etc., carrying companies from sending minors to places of ill repute.*

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

Unlawful to send to house of ill-fame.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who employ persons under the age of eighteen (18) years as messengers for delivering letters, telegrams, packages or bundles, to send such minors in connection with their business into any known house of prostitution or assignation.

Violation a misdemeanor; penalty.

SEC. 2. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars or more than two hundred (200) dollars for each and every offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than thirty (30) days or more than sixty (60) days, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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