

CHAPTER 356.

H. F. No. 611.

An act to amend chapter three hundred nineteen (319) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven (1897), entitled An act to prevent incompetent persons from working as journeymen plumbers, 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 waterworks in the State of Minnesota.

Amendment.
Plumbers.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter three hundred nineteen (319) of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1897 be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

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 with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or more, which has a system of sewer or waterworks, in the State of Minnesota, to employ as journeymen plumbers in said business any person or persons, except those qualified to work as registered plumbers; and it shall not be lawful for any person to work as a plumber in any such city or town for a fee or other reward paid either to himself or to another person for such work or to act as plumbing inspector in any such city or town, unless such person has first made application to and has received from the state board of commissioners of practical plumbing, a certificate of competency and has complied with the provisions of this act; and has also complied with such ordinance or ordinances as may be in force in any city or town, relating to or governing the performance of plumbing and sanitary work.

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Provided, nothing in this act contained shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting any person from serving a regular apprenticeship for the purpose of learning the plumbing trade, under employment therefor by any person regularly engaged in the plumbing business, who has complied with the provisions of this act.

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SEC. 2. That section two (2) of said act be and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

Section 2. That if any person or persons, after the passage of this act, shall engage in or work at the plumbing business, or as a journeyman plumber in any city or town with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or

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more, having a system of sewer or waterworks in the State of Minnesota, without first complying with the provisions of this act, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars or more than one hundred dollars or be confined not less than one month, nor more than three months in the county jail of the county wherein such conviction shall be had; and all fines received for any violations of this act shall be paid to said state board of commissioners of practical plumbing to defray the expenses accruing or arising under this act. Justices of the peace and the respective municipal courts shall have jurisdiction over violations of this act, and it shall be the duty of the respective county attorneys to prosecute all such violations.

SEC. 3. That section four (4) of said act be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

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Section 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. The commissioners appointed under this act shall receive out of the funds coming into the possession of said board, under the provisions of this act, their actual necessary expenses and mileage at three cents per mile, for all distance necessarily traveled in going to and coming from meetings of the board, but no part of such expense or mileage of said commissioners or of said board shall ever be paid out of the state treasury.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts that are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1901.