

*matic sprinkler system, installed in accordance with the rules of the board of fire underwriters, inside standpipes or other extinguishing apparatus shall only be required when deemed necessary by the commissioner of labor.*

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CHAPTER 109—S. F. No. 438.

*An act to amend Section 3816, General Statutes 1913, relating to examinations for positions in the Department of Labor and Industries, the same being Section 5, Chapter 518, General Laws of 1913, an act creating the Department of Labor and Industries.*

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

Section 1. Examinations and promotions in labor department.—Section 3816, General Statutes 1913, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3816. The board of examiners shall provide suitable lists of questions for such examinations which shall be submitted to the applicants in such manner as the board may determine; and a list shall be made of the successful applicants, from which list the labor commissioner shall make selections for the positions above named.

*The board also may certify, for promotion or transfer to another position, with or without a competitive examination, any employe who has demonstrated his competency to the satisfaction of the board.*

The board of examiners shall convene *annually* for the purpose of holding *examinations* on or before the last Monday in June. Special examinations may be held by the board upon the written request of the labor commissioner. Any person who shall pass such examinations shall be eligible to appointment at any time within *two years* from the date of his examination; provided, he shall remain morally, mentally and physically fit. Thirty (30) days' notice, signed by the secretary of the board, of any examination held under the provisions of this act, shall be given by one publication in one daily newspaper, in the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, and such notice shall state the time and place thereof and in general terms the subject-matter upon which the applicants will be examined. All examinations shall be held in the city of St. Paul at some suitable place therein to be fixed by the board. *If at any time there be an insufficient number of eligibles the commissioner shall have authority to temporarily fill a vacancy or vacancies, such appointment to hold until such list of eligibles has been sufficiently replenished, but not to exceed three*

months; provided, that, unless prevented by extraordinary conditions, the board shall hold an examination to replenish the list of eligibles within three months of the date of such temporary appointment.

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CHAPTER 110—S. F. No. 439.

*An act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 518, General Laws of 1913, the same being Section 3819 of the General Statutes of 1913, to empower the employes of the department of labor and industries to enter offices as well as places of employment and to remain while engaged in their official duties.*

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

Section 1. Enforcement of labor laws by labor department.—Section 8 of chapter 518, G. L. 1913, the same being section 3819 of the G. S. of 1913 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3819. The department shall enforce all laws regulating the employment of minors and women, the protection of the health, lives, limbs, and rights of the working classes, and those prescribing the qualifications of persons in trades and crafts, and shall be clothed with the same powers for the enforcement of the compulsory education and truancy laws as those conferred on truant officers by section 1448, Revised Laws of 1905. It shall be empowered to gather statistics relating to all branches of labor, to labor troubles and unions, and to the economic and social conditions of the laboring classes. In the discharge of its duties the members and employes of the department may enter any factory, mill, work shop, warehouse, mercantile establishment, office, engineering work or other place where persons are employed, *or any office from which such place of employment is directed or managed*, at all reasonable times, give such direction as may be necessary to enforce the laws, *and remain while engaged in their official duties*. They may also enter any place where intoxicating beverages are sold, for the purpose of enforcing the child labor and school attendance laws or other duties imposed upon them. Any member of the department of labor and industries may issue subpoenas and take testimony, and compel the attendance of witnesses, and shall have authority to administer oaths and take testimony under oath, but no person shall be compelled to attend as a witness unless he is paid the fees provided for witnesses in the district court.

The bureau of women and children shall have power to enforce and cause to be enforced, by complaint in any court or otherwise,