

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7322, be amended so as to read as follows:

"7322. **Auctioneers' licenses.**—The county board or auditor may license any voter in its county, *or any person from another state*, as an auctioneer. Such license shall be issued by the auditor and shall authorize the licensee to conduct the business of an auctioneer in the state of Minnesota for the period of one year. It shall be recorded by the auditor in a book kept for that purpose. Before such license is issued the licensee shall pay into the county treasury a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), *provided, however, that for a non-resident the license fee shall be \$25.00.* Provided, that any person may be licensed as an auctioneer for the purpose of making sales of purebred or grade livestock only upon the payment of the fee and the giving of the bond as above provided. Provided, further, that any person resident in an adjoining state which issues auctioneers' licenses to residents of Minnesota on the same basis as to the residents of such adjoining state, may be licensed as an auctioneer upon payment of the fee required therefor in such adjoining state and giving an approval of a bond as provided in the next succeeding section."

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CHAPTER 314—S. F. No. 485

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 5872, 5873, 5874, 5875, 5876, 5877, and 5879, relating to the State Board of Electricians repealing certain portions thereof and providing for violations thereof, and adding Sections 5878-A and 5879-A thereto.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5872, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5872. **State Board of Electricity—definitions.**—*That the term "Master Electrician" for the purposes of this act shall be construed to mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus and equipment for electric light, heat, power and other purposes in accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing such work.*

The term "Journeyman Electrician" for the purposes of this act shall be construed to mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to wire for, install and repair electrical apparatus and equipment in accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing such work.

The term "Special Electrician" for the purposes of this act shall be construed to mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training and experience in wiring for, installing or repairing special classes of electrical apparatus or equipment; or making minor alterations, extensions, and repairs to existing electrical systems in cities, towns or villages under the third class.

The term "Electrical Contractor" for the purposes of this act shall be construed to mean any person, firm, co-partnership, corporation, association or combination thereof, who undertakes or offers to undertake with another to plan for, lay out, supervise and install or to make additions, alterations and repairs in the installation of wiring apparatus and equipment for electric light, heat and power for a fixed sum, price fee, percentage or other compensation.

The state Board of Electricity shall consist of five members, residents of the state, appointed by the Governor, each for a term of five years, and until his successor qualifies, of whom two shall be master electricians, *who shall be contractors*, two journeymen electricians, and one a consulting electrical engineer or electrical inspector of a city of the first class. Vacancies shall be filled in the same, and from the same class from which the retiring member belonged. The board shall select from its members a president, secretary and treasurer, prescribe rules for the management of its affairs and adopt a seal. Each member shall receive \$10.00 a day for actual services rendered, and in addition there to actual expenses for employees, rent, office supplies, postage and printing as the board may allow; all to be paid out of the treasury of the said board. The board shall meet at least once a month and may meet at any other time at places designated by the board, for the purpose of conducting examinations and transacting such other business necessary in the conduct of its affairs. *The present board of Electricity shall be continued, and the Governor shall appoint new members as designated herein when the terms of the present members shall expire.*

All fees collected under the provision of this Act shall be devoted to the uses of the State Board of Electricity and before the second Monday in January, annually, the board shall report to the Governor in writing, the items of its receipts and disbursements for the preceding year. The State Board of Electricity shall have jurisdiction, and is hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this act."

Sec. 2. Law amended.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5873, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5873. **Classification—examinations—licenses etc.**—No person shall operate as an electrical contractor unless such person be licensed as a Master Electrician. No individual, firm, co-partnership or corporation shall engage in business as Electrical Contractors unless they have a licensed Master Electrician in their employ.

No person shall work as a Journeyman or Special Electrician, unless such person be licensed as such by the State Board of Electricity, except that a person who shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board as having the required experience as herein set forth, may make written application and pay the required fee to the State Board of Electricity, and may work as a Journeyman or Special Electrician until the next following examination, of which he shall be notified."

Sec. 3: **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5874, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5874. **Bonds.**—Every Master Electrician shall before receiving license as such give Bond to the state in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars, which Bond shall be approved by, and filed with said State Board of Electricity. This Bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of all work entered upon or contracted for by said master.

An applicant for a "Master Electrician" license shall furnish written evidence that he is a graduate of a 4 year electrical course of an accredited university or college; or that he is a graduate of an electrical trade school approved by the State Board of Electricity and has had at least three years of practical experience in electrical work; or that he has at least five years of experience in planning, laying out, supervising or installing wiring, apparatus or equipment for electric light, heat and power, and shall pay an examination fee of Five Dollars. After six months' experience had before the date when this Act shall go into effect, any person actually engaged in business as a Master Electrician at the time when this Act shall take effect may, upon filing with said board a verified statement signed by him, reciting said facts, and upon payment of a fee of Five Dollars obtain a license to engage in business as a Master Electrician; provided, however, that said application is filed and said fee paid within six months after the time when this Act shall take effect.

An applicant for "Journeyman Electrician's" license shall furnish evidence in writing that he has had at least four years experience in wiring for, installing and repairing electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat or power, and shall pay an examination fee of Three Dollars. After six months' experience had before the date when this Act shall go into effect, any person actually engaged as a

Journeyman Electrician at the time when this Act shall take effect may, upon filing with said board a verified statement signed by him, reciting said facts, and upon payment of a fee of Three Dollars, obtain a license to engage as a Journeyman Electrician; provided, however, that said application is filed and said fee paid within six months after the time when this Act shall take effect.

An applicant for a "Special Electrician's" license shall furnish evidence in writing that he has had at least two years experience in some special class of electrical work, and shall pay an examination fee of Two Dollars. Such special class of electrical work shall be specified on his license. After six months' experience had before the date when this Act shall go into effect, any person engaged as a Special Electrician at the time when this Act shall take effect may, upon filing with said board a verified statement signed by him, reciting said facts, and upon payment of a fee of Two Dollars, obtain a license to engage as a Special Electrician; provided, however, that said application is filed and said fee paid within six months after the time when this Act shall take effect."

Sec. 4. Law amended.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5875, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5875. Registered electricians.—Every applicant for a "Master Electrician's" license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of \$10.00 before such license is issued, which fee shall keep his license in force for one year, and shall pay a renewal fee of \$10.00 each year. Every applicant for Journeyman Electrician's license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of One Dollar and Fifty cents before such license is issued, which fee shall keep his license in force for one year and shall pay a renewal fee of One Dollar and Fifty cents each year. Every applicant for a "Special Electrician's" license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of One Dollar before such license is issued, which shall keep his license in force for one year, and shall pay a renewal fee of One Dollar each year."

Sec. 5. Law amended.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5876, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5876. Qualifications and rights—fees.—If a licensee shall fail to renew his license for a period of two years or more after its expiration, such licensee may be required by the board to again take the examination. All examination and license fees shall be paid to the treasurer of the State Board of Electricity and shall be for the use of said board to carry out the provisions of this Act. Any person may work as an apprentice to a licensed Electrician, but shall not

do any electrical wiring for, or installing electrical apparatus, or equipment for light, heat or power, except with a licensed Electrician."

Sec. 6. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5877, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5877. **Employees excepted.**—*Employees of public service corporations or municipal utilities distributing or selling electrical energy for light, heat or power, for operating street railway systems, or telephone or telegraph systems, shall not be required to hold licenses while doing electrical work on or in connection with property owned, leased or operated by any such municipality or corporation. Provided, however, that the rules and regulations of the railroad and warehouse commission, the State Fire Marshal, and of the Industrial Commission of Minnesota and all local municipal ordinances governing such work shall be observed.*"

Sec. 7. **Law amended.**—That a new section be added to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, to be numbered Section 5878-A to read as follows:

"5878-a. **Examination of applicants—hearings.**—*Any applicant who shall fail to pass the examination shall not be entitled to take another examination until at least six months thereafter, except that he may take an examination for a lesser grade.*

Upon written complaint against any licensed electrician the board shall hold a hearing, written notice of which shall be given to the complainant, and to such licensed Electrician at least ten days in advance of, such hearing. After hearing the evidence of both parties the board shall have the power to revoke or suspend such license, subject to appeal before a court of competent jurisdiction."

Sec. 8. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5879, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"5879. **Penalties—shall comply with rules.**—*All electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment for electric light, heat and power shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, the State Fire Marshal and/or the Industrial Commission of the State of Minnesota under the authority of the state statutes and in conformity with approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. The regulations as laid down in the National Electrical Code and in the National Electrical Safety Code and in the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American Engineering Standards Committee shall be prima facie evidence of such approved methods; provided, however, that*

nothing herein contained shall prohibit any municipality from making and enforcing more stringent requirements than those set forth herein, and that such requirements shall be complied with by all licensed electricians working within the jurisdiction of such municipalities.

No electrical installation shall be connected for use until proof has been furnished to the person, firm or corporation supplying electrical energy for such installation that the regulations above recited have been complied with. Proof of such compliance shall consist of a certificate furnished by a municipal or other recognized inspection department or officer, or if there is no such inspection department or officer, it shall consist of an affidavit furnished by the contractor or other person doing the wiring, certifying that there has been such compliance. For transient projects requiring temporary electrical service or for projects in process of construction, the person, firm, or corporation furnishing electric current shall not be required to obtain a certificate of inspection or an affidavit of compliance with the requirements above stated, until completion of said projects.

Any person who shall engage for a valuable consideration in the business of installing or repairing electrical wire or apparatus without having complied with the laws respecting registration and license, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Sec. 9. Law amended.—That a new section be added to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927 to be numbered 5879-A to read as follows:

"5879-A. Provisions severable.—*If any section of this Act, or any part thereof, shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall extend only to the section or part thereof affected, and every other section and part thereof shall be continued in full force and effect.*"

Approved April 21, 1937.

CHAPTER 315—H. F. No. 512

An act to establish an unpaid commission on inter-state cooperation.

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