

and manner and time of payment thereof, of a municipal veterans service officer who shall be subject to the direction and control of the veterans service officer, and who shall have the qualifications of, and all the powers of, and be subject to all of the restrictions and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon, assistant veterans service officers, as prescribed by Laws 1945, Chapter 96. Where such municipal veterans service officer is appointed, and there is any overlapping of his duties with those of the county service officer, the county board of such county and the council of such city or village *or combination of cities and villages* may make a written agreement fixing the percentage of the total compensation, costs of travel, and other expenses to be paid by such county and such city or village *or combination of cities and villages*.

Sec. 3. Laws 1945, Chapter 483, Section 3, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. **Persons entitled to service.** Any resident of such county shall be entitled to the aid and services of any veterans service officer, assistant veterans service officer, or municipal veterans service officer within such county.

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CHAPTER 253—H. F. No. 822

[Section 5, Coded as Section 326.261, Subdivisions 1 to 3; Section 6, Coded as Section 326.262, Subdivisions 1 to 3; Section 7, Coded as Section 326.263]

An act relating to the licensing of electricians, providing for temporary licenses in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.01, Subdivision 4, and Sections 326.24, 326.25, 326.26, 326.27, 326.31 and 326.32.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.01, Subdivision 4, is amended to read as follows:

326.01. **Definitions.** Subd. 4. **Limited Electrician.** The term "*limited electrician*" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, and experience in wiring for, installing, or repairing special classes of electrical apparatus or equipment *or for special classes of electrical wiring installations*; or making minor alterations, extensions, and repairs

to existing electrical *circuits on electrical installations* in towns, villages, or cities of the fourth class.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.24, is amended to read as follows:

326.24. State board of electricity. Subdivision 1. Members; terms; vacancies; officers; meetings. The state board of electricity shall consist of *seven* 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 representative of the electrical suppliers in the rural areas of the state*, 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 manner and from the same class from which the retiring member belonged. The board shall select from its members a president, a secretary, and a 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 thereto, 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 board. The board shall meet at least once a month and may meet at any other time at places designated by it, 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.

Subd. 2. Fees devoted to uses of board; powers of board.

All fees collected under the provision of sections 326.24 to 326.32 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 sections 326.24 to 326.32.

Subd. 3. Inspection. *When called upon to inspect any electrical installation by the owner or tenant of the premises, by the utility which supplies the electrical energy to the premises, or by the contractor responsible for the installation, any electrical representative of the state board of electricity may do so during reasonable hours and may condemn installations which he deems to be hazardous to life or property and*

order service thereto disconnected. This action shall be taken only after the owner of the premises has been duly notified, subject to the right of appeal within ten days from the date of the filing of the report with the board. No installation which has been so condemned shall be reconnected for service until it has been brought up to the required standards and proof thereof furnished to the state board of electricity. The board may charge a fee sufficient to defray the cost of inspection to be paid by the person, firm, or corporation requesting the inspection.

Subd. 4. License to nonresidents; reciprocity. To the extent that other states which provide for the licensing of electricians provide for similar action, the state board of electricity may grant licenses of the same grade or class to electricians licensed by other states, upon payment by the applicant of the required fee, after being furnished with proof that the qualifications of the applicant are equal to the qualifications of holders of similar licenses in Minnesota.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.25, is amended to read as follows:

326.35. Electrical contractor; journeyman or special electrician; licenses; temporary practice. Subdivision 1. Contractor's license. No person shall operate as an electrical contractor unless he be licensed as a master electrician. No individual, firm, copartnership, or corporation shall engage in business as electrical contractors unless they have a licensed master electrician in their employ.

Subd. 2. Limited electrician's license. No person shall work as a journeyman or *limited* electrician unless he 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 may make written application and pay the required fee to the state board of electricity, and may work as a journeyman or *limited* electrician until the next following examination of which he shall be notified.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.26, is amended to read as follows:

326.26. Bond of master electrician; qualifications and licensing of master, journeyman, and special electricians; fees. Subdivision 1. Bond of master electricians. Every master electrician shall, before receiving license as such, give bond to the state in the penal sum of \$1,000, which bond shall be approved by, and filed with, the state board of electricity.

This bond is to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of all work entered upon or contracted for by the master.

Subd. 2. Qualifications of master electrician. An applicant for a master electrician's license shall furnish written evidence that he is a graduate of a four-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 had at least five years of experience in planning, laying out, supervising, or installing wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat, and power; and shall pay an examination fee of \$5.00.

Subd. 3. Qualifications of journeyman electrician. An applicant for a 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 \$3.00.

Subd. 4. Qualifications of limited electrician. An applicant for a *limited* 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 \$2.00. Such special class of electrical work shall be specified on his license.

[326.261] Sec. 5. **Master electrician, Class B.** Subdivision 1. **Temporary master electrician.** There is hereby created a temporary Class B master electrician's classification which terminates on December 31, 1949.

Subd. 2. Class B master electrician. "Class B master electrician" means a person who gives evidence, satisfactory to the state board of electricity, that he has had at least three years of experience in planning for, laying out, supervising, or installing electrical wiring and equipment for light, heat, or power.

Subd. 3. Examination; fee. If so qualified, an applicant shall pay an examination fee of \$5.00 and upon attaining a passing grade and furnishing the bond required in section 326.26 shall be given a Class B master electrician's license. The holder of such license may contract for, plan, supervise, or install electrical wiring or equipment on any farm or in any single or two family dwelling in any town, village, or city of the third or fourth class, in accordance with the regulations governing such work.

[326.262] **Sec. 6. Journeyman electrician, Class B. Subdivision 1. Temporary journeyman electrician.** There is hereby created a temporary Class B journeyman electrician's classification which terminates on December 31, 1949.

Subd. 2. Class B journeyman electrician. "Class B journeyman electrician" means a person who gives evidence, satisfactory to the state board of electricity, that he has had at least two years of experience in wiring for, installing, and repairing electrical equipment for light, heat, or power.

Subd. 3. Examination; fee. If so qualified an applicant shall pay an examination fee of \$3.00 and upon attaining a passing grade shall be given a Class B journeyman electrician's license. The holder of such a license may wire for, install, and repair electrical wiring and equipment on any farm or in any single or two family dwelling in any town, village, or city of the third or fourth class, in accordance with the regulations governing such work.

[326.263] **Sec. 7. Application to provisions of sections 326.24 to 326.32.** As far as possible, all provisions of sections 326.24 to 326.32 shall apply to temporary Class B license classifications. No such license shall remain in effect beyond December 31, 1949.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.27, is amended to read as follows:

326.27. Additional fees after passing examinations. Every applicant for a master electrician's license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of \$15.00 before such license is issued, which fee shall keep his license in force for one year; and shall pay a renewal fee of \$15.00 each year. Every applicant for a journeyman electrician's license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of \$2.00 before such license is issued, which fee shall keep his license in force for one year; and shall pay a renewal fee of \$2.00 each year. Every applicant for a *limited* electrician's license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of \$2.00 before such license is issued, which shall keep his license in force for one year; and shall pay a renewal fee of \$2.00 each year.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.31, is amended to read as follows:

326.31. Second examination; revocation of license; hearing; appeal. Subdivision 1. Second examination. Any applicant who shall fail to pass the examination shall not be en-

titled to take another examination until at least six months thereafter, except that he may take an examination for a lesser grade.

Subd. 2. Hearing. 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.

Subd. 3. Death of master electrician; bond. *In the case of the death of a master electrician employed by, or engaged as, an electrical contractor, the board may accept a bond from a legal representative connected with the decedent's business and authorize such person by letter to carry on the decedent's business as an electrical contractor until arrangements can be made to complete work under contract or otherwise comply with the terms of this act, for a period not to exceed six months. The bond required by this section shall be filed with the board and shall be conditioned on the faithful performance of all work entered upon or contracted for by said person acting in the capacity of the decedent.*

Subd. 4. Inspection by political subdivision authorized. *The governing body of any political subdivision of the state may by ordinance or resolution make provisions for inspection of all electrical installations within its jurisdiction. Electrical inspectors appointed by any such body must have a license as a master or journeyman electrician. No electrical inspector shall engage in the business of the sale, installation, or maintenance of electric wiring devices, appliances, or equipment, and shall have no financial interest in any concern engaged in such business within the subdivision for which he is appointed.*

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 326.32, is amended to read as follows:

326.32. Compliance with rules; electrical and safety codes as evidence; municipal requirements; certificate of inspection; penalty. *Subdivision 1. Compliance with rules; American standards association specifications; national electric safety code.* 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 commissioner of insurance, or the industrial commission, 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 *as approved by the American standards association, and in the national electrical safety code as issued by the United States bureau of standards*, shall be prima facie evidence of such approved methods; provided, 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.

Subd. 2. Violations; penalties. 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 the projects. Any person who shall *perform any services for another in installing or repairing electrical wires or apparatus without having complied with the provisions of sections 326.24 to 326.32* respecting registration and license, or who violates any provision of sections 326.24 to 326.32 *is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

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CHAPTER 254—H. F. No. 846

An act relating to cellar or basement rooms; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 460.24.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 460.24, is amended to read as follows:

460.24. Cellar and Basement rooms. *Subdivision 1.*