

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.*

Approved April 5, 1947.

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.*

Dwellings. In dwellings hereafter erected no room in the cellar shall be occupied for living purposes.

Subd. 2. Apartment. In dwellings hereafter erected no room in the basement shall be occupied for living purposes, except by the janitor of such dwelling and the members of his family. In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, such rooms shall have sufficient light and ventilation, shall be well drained and dry and shall be fit for human habitation.

Subd. 3. Exceptions during national emergency. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2, during the present national emergency arising from the acute shortage of living accommodations, but in no event later than January 1, 1951, the owner of any newly constructed cellar or basement may occupy such cellar or basement for living purposes provided that not more than one dwelling unit shall be so occupied in any one building or structure.

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CHAPTER 255—H. F. No. 849

An act relating to the powers of the county board of commissioners, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 375.19.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 375.19, is amended to read as follows:

375.19. Additional powers. In addition to all other powers now or hereafter by law conferred upon county boards, authority hereby is given to receive and accept for their counties real or personal property by gift, bequest, devise, conveyance, or otherwise from any person whose care, support, treatment, or maintenance, in whole or in part, is or may be chargeable to or furnished or provided by such counties, and to hold or dispose of the same for the benefit of their counties, as by law provided in the case of other county property; to permit use of county equipment for soil conservation projects and to make expenditures from the general revenue fund for soil conservation purposes not exceeding an aggregate amount