

ment of public water-works systems, and public lighting, heating or power systems, and of any combination thereof or for any other public convenience from which a revenue is or may be derived.

(6) *Debt service loans and capital loans made to a school district under the provisions of Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 27, Sections 7 and 8.*

~~(6)~~ (7) Amount of all money and the face value of all securities held as a sinking fund for the extinguishment of obligations other than those deductible under this subdivision.

~~(7)~~ (8) All other obligations which under the provisions of law authorizing their issuance are not to be included in computing the net debt of the municipality.

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CHAPTER 753—H. F. No. 1585

An act relating to watchmakers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.53, Subdivision 3; Sections 326.54, 326.541, 326.542, 326.543, 326.544, 326.545, and 326.546.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section ~~(326.53~~, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Anyone not having a certificate of registration *and license* who shall hold himself out as a watchmaker or as qualified to do watchmaking, or anyone who shall violate any of the provisions of sections 326.54 to 326.546, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 nor more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.54, is amended to read:

326.54 Watchmakers to be registered and licensed. No person shall engage in watchmaking for profit or compensation of any kind, without first obtaining a certificate of registration *and license*, as hereinafter provided, which

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~~certificate~~ *license* shall at all times be conspicuously displayed in his place of business.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.541, is amended to read:

326.541 Board of examiners in watchmaking. (1) There is created a board to be known as the "Minnesota Board of Examiners in Watchmaking," whose duties it shall be to administer the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 474. Such board shall consist of five members, appointed by the governor within 60 days after the effective date of Laws 1943, Chapter 474. All persons so appointed shall have been residents of this state and actually engaged in watchmaking, as defined in section 326.01, subdivision 20, for at least five years immediately preceding the time of their appointment. Each member of the board shall hold office for four years and until his successor shall be appointed, and qualifies, except that in the first appointments three members shall be appointed for four years, two for two years, and the term of office in such case shall be designated by the governor at the time of the appointment. The board of five to consist of not less than two employees.

(2) The board shall choose annually, one of its members as president and one as secretary, who shall severally have power to administer oaths and take affidavits certifying thereto under the seal of the board. The board shall meet at such times and places as the officers may direct. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. The secretary shall give such bond as the board shall determine to be proper. The secretary shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times. The members and officers of the board shall be paid a per diem of ~~\$15~~ \$25 for time spent in the performance of his duties but not to exceed in one year the total sum of ~~\$225~~ \$750; also they shall be paid mileage of ~~five~~ 7-1/2 cents per mile, and actual and necessary expenses for lodging and meals. The secretary, in addition to such per diem and expenses, may be paid an annual salary not to exceed ~~\$1,500~~ \$2,500. All expenses connected with the operation of the board shall be defrayed from the revenue derived from the licenses, renewals, and examination fees.

(3) The board shall establish suitable and proper uniform apprenticeship regulations; may retain administrative or legal counsel, if it deems needed or proper; and to ap-

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point one clerk or assistant to the secretary, exempt from civil service, and to fix the salary therefor.

(4) The secretary shall collect the fees and shall pay the same into the state treasury, to be kept by the state treasurer in a fund entitled "Watchmakers' Fund." The secretary shall draw by warrant for necessary expenses which shall be paid from said fund.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.542, is amended to read:

326.542 Examinations; fees. Applicants for certificates shall be examined at a time and place fixed by the board. Applications for examination shall be filed with the board at least ten days before the date set for the examination and shall be accompanied by an examination fee of ~~\$15~~ \$25. The applicant shall be of good character, at least 19 years of age, and possess such training and experience as the board shall determine to be requisite.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.543, is amended to read:

326.543 Examinations; re-examinations. An applicant to be entitled to a certificate, shall pass an examination before the board which examination shall be confined to such knowledge, practical ability and skill as is essential in the proper repairing of watches, and shall include a practical demonstration of the applicant's skill in the manipulation of watchmakers tools. The board shall make rules and regulations for conducting examinations and shall define the standards of workmanship and skill. In the case of failure at any examination, the applicant shall have the privilege of taking another examination at any other examination period upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$7.50~~ \$10.00.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.544, is amended to read:

326.544 Certificates of registration and licenses of registration. (1) If the applicant successfully passes the examination, the secretary of the board shall register such fact and shall issue to him a certificate of registration *and license*.

(2) A watchmaker in good standing, registered and licensed in another state or states and having engaged in watchmaking therein for two years immediately preceding

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his application for a certificate *and license*, upon filing with the board satisfactory proof thereof *and upon a personal interview with the board*, shall be issued a certificate *and license*, without examination upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$15~~ \$25.

~~(3) Watchmakers of this state who are in the armed forces of the United States of America at the time Laws 1942, Chapter 474, becomes a law, shall be exempt from taking the examination herein provided upon making application for certificate within one year after his discharge from service, accompanied by an application fee of \$10.~~

~~(4) (3) Certificates Licenses of registration shall expire on the 30th day of June May 1 of each year and must be renewed within 30 days for one year upon payment of a fee of \$5 \$15, or less at the discretion of the board. If such certificate license of registration is not renewed on or before August 1 June 30 of the year in which issued, such registrant may be required to pay a penalty of \$1.50 \$2.00 in addition to the renewal fee. Application may be made for renewal after the fifteenth day of June March of each year.~~

(5) The board shall issue a temporary 60 day certificate upon payment of a fee of ~~\$1~~ \$2.00.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.545, is amended to read:

326.545 **Certificates for apprentice watchmakers.** Any person 16 years of age or over, of good character, apprenticed to a registered watchmaker in accordance with the regulations determined and established by the board, may pursue the trade of watchmaking upon obtaining from the board a certificate of registration as an apprentice watchmaker, which certificate shall be conspicuously displayed at all times at the place of employment of such apprentice. Apprentice watchmakers shall pay a fee of ~~\$2~~ \$3 annually.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.546, is amended to read:

326.546 **May revoke licenses and certificates.** (1) The board may revoke a *license and* certificate of registration upon the failure of the holder thereof to pay the annual renewal fee, upon giving said holder 30 days notice in writing of such proposed revocation.

(2) The board may revoke a *license and* certificate

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of registration obtained through error of the board or fraud on the part of the applicant, or if the holder is grossly incompetent, guilty of unethical conduct, or obtained or sought to obtain anything of value by fraudulent representations in the practice of watchmaking. The holder of such certificate shall be given 30 days notice in writing, enumerating the charges and specifying a date for the hearing on such charges. At the hearing he shall have the opportunity to confront witnesses against him and to produce evidence bearing on such charges. A stenographic record of all proceedings shall be made and transcript kept on file with the board. The holder may within 30 days after revocation file with the secretary of the board, a written notice of appeal to the district court of Ramsey county, and the secretary shall transmit to the court and to the attorney general a certified copy of the record. The appeal shall be tried by the court *de novo*.

(3) One whose certificate *and license* has been revoked, may, upon the expiration of one year after such revocation, apply to the board for registration and, upon satisfactory proof that the cause of revocation no longer exists, the board may, in its discretion, issue to said person a certificate of registration *and license* upon payment of the fees herein provided.

(4) "Unethical Conduct" includes and means any conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive, or defraud the public; advertising of any character in which untruthful or misleading statements are made; advertising of prices on watch repairing or the giving of any watch parts, gratis or at less than cost, performance of any service in pursuance of any such advertising; loaning of certificate *or license* of registration to any person, ~~failure to display the certificate of registration conspicuously at all times; representation that a watch has been cleaned although its major parts, train wheels, and mainspring, have not been disassembled and the cased jewels removed and all parts thereof properly cleaned;~~ performance of any work upon a watch, clock, and time recording instrument in an unworkmanlike or unskilled manner, representation that certain services or parts are necessary or have been or will be used in the repair of a watch, although such services or parts are not necessary and have not been used in such repairs; employing, directly or indirectly, any unregistered watchmaker to perform any watchmaking, or repairs on watches, ~~clocks, and time recording instruments~~ or non-compliance, within 30 days, with the directions given in a written notice from the board to termi-

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nate employment with any person who is violating the provisions of Laws 1943, chapter 474.

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CHAPTER 754—H. F. No. 1644

[Coded]

An act relating to water conservation; declaring the policy of the state with respect to precipitated water.

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

Section 1. [111.82] **Precipitated water, statement of state policy.** It is the policy of the state to promote the retention and conservation of all water precipitated from the atmosphere in the areas where it falls, as far as practicable. Except as otherwise expressly provided, all officers, departments, and other agencies of the state or any of its governmental subdivisions having any authority or means for constructing, maintaining, or operating dams or other works or engaging in other projects or operations affecting such water shall use the same, as far as practicable, so as to effectuate the foregoing policy.

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CHAPTER 755—H. F. No. 1816

[Coded]

An act transferring rural rehabilitation corporation trust funds to the state executive council, and authorizing the state executive council to enter into agreements with the United States government to receive and administer monies for farm loans.

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

Section 1. [9.36] **Rural rehabilitation trust funds, acquisition and administration.** [Subdivision 1.] The State Executive Council as created by Minn. Stat. 1957, c. 15 is hereby authorized and empowered to carry out the purpose and intent of Public Law 499, 81st Congress enacted May 3, 1950, and pursuant thereto to enter into agreements,

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