

CHAPTER 159—S.F.No. 1993

An act relating to building codes; modifying licensing exemptions relating to installation of certain sump pumps; amending Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 326B.46, subdivision 1a.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 326B.46, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Exemptions from licensing.** (a) An individual without a contractor license may do plumbing work on the individual's residence in accordance with subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

(b) An individual who is an employee working on the maintenance and repair of plumbing equipment, apparatus, or facilities owned or leased by the individual's employer and which is within the limits of property owned or leased, and operated or maintained by the individual's employer, shall not be required to maintain a contractor license as long as the employer has on file with the commissioner a current certificate of responsible individual. The responsible individual must be a master plumber or, in an area of the state that is not a city or town with a population of more than 5,000 according to the last federal census, a restricted master plumber. The certificate must be signed by the responsible individual and must state that the person signing the certificate is responsible for ensuring that the maintenance and repair work performed by the employer's employees complies with sections 326B.41 to 326B.49, all rules adopted under those sections and sections 326B.50 to 326B.59, and all orders issued under section 326B.082. The employer must pay a filing fee to file a certificate of responsible individual with the commissioner. The certificate shall expire two years from the date of filing. In order to maintain a current certificate of responsible individual, the employer must resubmit a certificate of responsible individual, with a filing fee, no later than two years from the date of the previous submittal. The filing of the certificate of responsible individual does not exempt any employee of the employer from the requirements of this chapter regarding individual licensing as a plumber or registration as a plumber's apprentice.

(c) If a contractor employs a licensed plumber, the licensed plumber does not need a separate contractor license to perform plumbing work on behalf of the employer within the scope of the licensed plumber's license.

(d) A person may perform and offer to perform building sewer or water service installation without a contractor's license if the person is in compliance with the bond and insurance requirements of subdivision 2.

(e) Waterproofing contractors licensed under sections 326B.801 to 326B.89 may install in existing single-family dwellings a single sump pump, which receives subsurface or seepage water through a subsoil drain and discharges to grade. The Minnesota Plumbing

Code applies to this paragraph, including provisions relating to proper installation, use of approved materials, and proper support of the materials.

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Signed by the governor April 4, 2012, 09:29 a.m.