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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor

1.1 A bill for an act

relating to construction licensing; repealing registration requirement for unlicensed electrical workers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 326B.094, subdivision 2; 326B.33, subdivisions 12, 19; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.33, subdivision 13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.094, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Availability of renewal.** A licensee may apply to renew a license no later than two years after the expiration of the license. If the department receives a complete renewal application no later than two years after the expiration of the license, then the department must approve or deny the renewal application within 60 days of receiving the complete renewal application. If the department receives a renewal application more than two years after the expiration of the license, the department must return the renewal license fee to the applicant without approving or denying the application. If the licensee wishes to obtain a valid license more than two years after expiration of the license, the licensee must apply for a new license. This section does not apply to a holder of a certificate of exemption issued under section 326B.805, subdivision 6, unlicensed individuals who register with the department under section 326B.33, subdivision 12, or 326B.47, or a mechanical contractor that files a bond with the department under section 326B.197.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.33, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Unlicensed individuals.** (a) An unlicensed individual means an individual who has not been licensed by the department to perform specific electrical work. An unlicensed individual shall not perform electrical work required to be performed by a licensed to be performed by a license to

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individual. Thereafter, An unlicensed individual shall not perform electrical work required to be performed by a licensed individual unless the work is performed under the direct supervision of an individual actually licensed to perform such work. The licensed individual and unlicensed individual must be employed by the same employer. Licensed individuals shall not permit unlicensed individuals to perform electrical work except under the direct supervision of an individual actually licensed to perform such work. Unlicensed individuals shall not supervise the performance of electrical work or make assignments of electrical work to unlicensed individuals. Except for technology circuits or systems work, licensed individuals shall supervise no more than two unlicensed individuals. For technology circuits or systems work, licensed individuals.

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no individual other than a master electrician or power limited technician shall plan or lay out electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, or other purposes, except circuits or systems exempted from personal licensing by subdivision 21, paragraph (b).
- (e) Contractors employing unlicensed individuals to perform electrical work shall maintain records establishing compliance with this subdivision that shall identify all unlicensed individuals performing electrical work, except for individuals working on circuits or systems exempted from personal licensing by subdivision 21, paragraph (b), and shall permit the department to examine and copy all such records.
- (d) (c) When a licensed individual supervises the electrical work of an unlicensed individual, the licensed individual is responsible for ensuring that the electrical work complies with the Minnesota Electrical Act and all rules adopted under the act.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.33, subdivision 19, is amended to read:
- Subd. 19. License, registration, and renewal fees; expiration. (a) Unless revoked or suspended under this chapter, all licenses issued or renewed under this section expire on the date specified in this subdivision. Master licenses expire March 1 of each odd-numbered year after issuance or renewal. Electrical contractor licenses expire March 1 of each even-numbered year after issuance or renewal. Technology system contractor and satellite system contractor licenses expire August 1 of each even-numbered year after issuance or renewal. All other personal licenses expire two years from the date of original issuance and every two years thereafter. Registrations of unlicensed individuals expire one year from the date of original issuance and every year thereafter.

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3.1	(b) For purposes of calculating license fees and renewal license fees required under
3.2	section 326B.092:
3.3	(1) the registration of an unlicensed individual under subdivision 12 shall be considered
3.4	an entry level license;
3.5	(2) (1) the following licenses shall be considered journeyworker licenses: Class A
3.6	journeyworker electrician, Class B journeyworker electrician, Class A installer, Class B
3.7	installer, lineman, maintenance electrician, satellite system installer, and power limited
3.8	technician;
3.9	(3) (2) the following licenses shall be considered master licenses: Class A master
3.10	electrician and Class B master electrician; and
3.11	(4) (3) the following licenses shall be considered business licenses: Class A electrical
3.12	contractor, Class B electrical contractor, satellite system contractor, and technology systems
3.13	contractor.
3.14	(c) For each filing of a certificate of responsible person by an employer, the fee is \$100
3.15	Sec. 4. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326B.33, subdivision 13, is repealed.

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APPENDIX Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 20-6789

326B.33 LICENSES.

Subd. 13. **Registration of unlicensed individuals.** Unlicensed individuals performing electrical work for a contractor or employer shall register with the department in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Experience credit for electrical work performed in Minnesota after January 1, 2009, by an applicant for a license identified in this section shall not be granted where the applicant has not registered with or is not licensed by the department.