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H. F. No. 2492

04/09/2021 Authored by Nelson, M., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor and industry; modifying elevator code requirements; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 326B.163, subdivisions 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16;
1.4 326B.164, subdivisions 2, 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. Elevator. As used in this chapter, "elevator" means moving walks and vertical
1.8 transportation devices such as escalators, passenger elevators, freight elevators, dumbwaiters,
1.9 hand-powered elevators, endless belt lifts, and wheelchair platform lifts. Elevator does not
1.10 include: (1) external temporary material lifts or temporary construction personnel elevators
1.11 at sites of construction of new or remodeled buildings; (2) conveyors including vertical
1.12 reciprocating conveyors; (3) platform lifts; (4) material lifts that do not permit persons to
1.13 ride; or (5) mechanical parking equipment and car parking systems.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.15 Subd. 11. Limited elevator contractor. "Limited elevator contractor" means a licensed
1.16 contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a limited master elevator constructor.
1.17 A limited elevator contractor or its employees may only install, test, or alter residential
1.18 elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts that permit persons
1.19 to ride, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose
1.20 personnel elevators.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 12. **Limited elevator work.** "Limited elevator work" means the installing,
2.3 maintaining, altering, repairing, testing, planning, or laying out of residential elevators,
2.4 ~~platform lifts~~, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts that permit persons to ride,
2.5 limited use or limited application elevator equipment, ~~conveyors~~, and special purpose
2.6 personnel elevators ~~as covered by Minnesota Rules, chapters 1307 and 1315~~. Limited
2.7 elevator work also includes electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment
2.8 disconnect and the decommissioning of elevator equipment to enable safe removal.

2.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 13. **Elevator work.** "Elevator work" means the installing, maintaining, altering,
2.11 repairing, testing, planning, or laying out of elevator apparatus or equipment ~~as covered by~~
2.12 ~~Minnesota Rules, chapters 1307 and 1315~~. Elevator work also includes the disconnection
2.13 of electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and the
2.14 decommissioning of elevator equipment to enable safe removal.

2.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

2.16 Subd. 15. **Limited master elevator constructor.** "Limited master elevator constructor"
2.17 means an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical
2.18 knowledge to properly plan, lay out, supervise, and perform the testing, altering, installation,
2.19 maintenance, and repair of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for residential elevators,
2.20 ~~platform lifts~~, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts that permit persons to ride,
2.21 limited use or limited application elevator equipment, ~~conveyors~~, and special purpose
2.22 personnel elevators, including wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect
2.23 and who is licensed as a limited master elevator constructor by the commissioner.

2.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

2.25 Subd. 16. **Limited journeyworker elevator constructor.** "Limited journeyworker
2.26 elevator constructor" means an individual having the necessary qualifications, training,
2.27 experience, and technical knowledge to install, maintain, alter, test, and repair apparatus
2.28 and equipment for residential elevators, ~~platform lifts~~, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters,
2.29 material lifts that permit persons to ride, limited use or limited application elevator equipment,
2.30 ~~conveyors~~, and special purpose personnel elevators, including electrical wiring on the load
2.31 side of the elevator equipment disconnect and who is licensed as a limited journeyworker
2.32 elevator constructor by the commissioner.

3.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.164, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 2. **Limited master elevator constructor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by
3.3 law, no individual shall perform or supervise elevator work on residential elevators, ~~platform~~
3.4 ~~lifts~~, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts that permit persons to ride, limited use
3.5 or limited application elevator equipment, ~~conveyors~~, and special purpose personnel elevators,
3.6 unless:

3.7 (1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a limited master elevator constructor;
3.8 and

3.9 (2) the elevator work is for a limited elevator contractor and the individual is an employee,
3.10 partner, or officer of, or is the licensed contractor.

3.11 (b) An applicant for a limited master elevator constructor license shall have at least three
3.12 years of experience, acceptable to the commissioner, in installing apparatus, equipment,
3.13 and wiring for elevators.

3.14 (c) Except for the initial license term, as a condition of license renewal, limited master
3.15 elevator constructors must attain a minimum of eight hours of continuing education credit
3.16 approved by the commissioner every renewal period. Not less than six hours shall be based
3.17 on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology, and not less than two hours on the
3.18 National Electrical Code.

3.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.164, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

3.20 Subd. 4. **Limited journeyworker elevator constructor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided
3.21 by law, no individual shall perform or supervise elevator work on residential elevators,
3.22 ~~platform lifts~~, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts that permit persons to ride,
3.23 limited use or limited application elevator equipment, ~~conveyors~~, and special purpose
3.24 personnel elevators, except for planning or laying out of elevator work, unless:

3.25 (1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a limited journeyworker elevator
3.26 constructor; and

3.27 (2) the elevator work is for a limited elevator contractor or an elevator contractor, and
3.28 the individual is an employee, partner, or officer of the licensed limited elevator contractor
3.29 or licensed elevator contractor.

3.30 (b) An applicant for a limited journeyworker elevator constructor license shall have at
3.31 least two years of experience, acceptable to the commissioner, in installing apparatus,
3.32 equipment, and wiring for elevators.

- 4.1 (c) Except for the initial license term, as a condition of license renewal, limited
- 4.2 journeyworker elevator constructors must attain a minimum of eight hours of continuing
- 4.3 education credit approved by the commissioner every renewal period. Not less than six
- 4.4 hours shall be based on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology, and not less
- 4.5 than two hours on the National Electrical Code.