

## CHAPTER 326

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**326.01 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Words, terms and phrases.** For the purpose of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. **Class A master electrician.** The term "Class A master electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for electric light, heat, power, and other purposes who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

Subd. 3. **Class A journeyman electrician.** The term "Class A journeyman electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to wire for, install, and repair electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** The term "special electrician" means a person having the necessary qualification, training, and experience in wiring for, installing, or repairing special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment or for spe-

cial classes of electrical wiring installations who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

**Subd. 5. Electrical contractor.** The term "electrical contractor" means any person, as herein defined, who undertakes or offers to undertake for another to plan for, lay out, supervise, and install or to make additions, alterations, and repairs in the installation of wiring, apparatus and equipment for electric light, heat, and power for a fixed sum, price, fee, percentage or other compensation and who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

**Subd. 6. Class B master electrician.** The term "Class B master electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for single phase systems of not over 200 ampere capacity for light, heat, power, and other purposes on any farm or in any single family dwelling located in any town or municipality which has a population of less than 2500 inhabitants, who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

**Subd. 6a. Class B journeyman electrician.** The term "Class B journeyman electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to wire for, install and repair electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for single phase systems of not over 200 ampere capacity for light, heat, power, and other purposes on any farm or in any single family dwelling located in any town or municipality which has a population of less than 2500 inhabitants, who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

**Subd. 6b. Installer.** The term "installer" means a person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for major electrical home appliances on the load side of the main service on farmsteads or in any town or municipality with less than 1500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to a city of the first class and does not contain an established business of a master electrician, and who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

**Subd. 7. Journeyman plumber.** A "journeyman plumber" is any person, other than a master plumber, who, as his principal occupation, is engaged as an employee of, or otherwise working under the direction of, a master plumber in the practical installation of plumbing.

**Subd. 8. Master plumber.** A "master plumber" is any person skilled in the planning, superintending, and the practical installation of plumbing and otherwise lawfully qualified to contract for plumbing and installations and to conduct the business of plumbing and who is familiar with the laws, rules, and regulations governing the same.

**Subd. 9. Plumber's apprentice.** A "plumber's apprentice" is any person, other than a journeyman or master plumber, who, as his principal occupation, is engaged in working as an employee of a master plumber under the immediate and personal supervision of either a master or journeyman plumber in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing.

**Subd. 10. High pressure steam piping.** "High pressure steam piping" means steam piping operating under a pressure of 15 pounds or more per square inch.

**Subd. 11. Journeyman steamfitter.** A "journeyman steamfitter" is any person, other than a contracting steamfitter, who, as his principal occupation, is engaged in the practical installation of high pressure steam work.

**Subd. 12. Contracting steamfitter.** A "contracting steamfitter" is any person skilled in the planning, superintending, and the practical installation of high pressure steamfitting, and who is familiar with the laws, rules, and regulations governing the same.

**Subd. 13. Steamfitter's apprentice.** A "steamfitter's apprentice" is any person, other than a journeyman or master steamfitter, who, as his principal occupation, is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of high pressure steamfitting.

**Subd. 14. Person.** The term "person" includes an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, or corporation.

**Subd. 15. Distributor.** The term "distributor" includes any person who engages, or contracts to engage, in the distribution of motion picture films and is a resident of, or legally authorized to do business in, this state.

**Subd. 16. Exhibitor.** The term "exhibitor" includes any person who engages,

or contracts to engage, in the exhibition of motion picture films and is a resident of, or legally authorized to do business in, this state.

Subd. 17. **License.** The term "license" includes the offering, intending or making of a license agreement, contract, or any type of agreement whereby a film, the distribution of which is controlled by one of the parties is to be supplied to and exhibited in a theatre owned, controlled, or operated by the other party.

Subd. 18. **Feature motion picture film.** The term "feature motion picture film" means all motion pictures, whether copyrighted or uncopyrighted, including positive and negative prints and copies or reproductions of such prints, which films contain photoplays or other subjects and are produced for public exhibition. The term shall not include films commonly known as short subjects, newsreels, trailers, serials, re-issues, foreign, and western pictures, and road shows.

Subd. 19. **Exhibition season.** The term "exhibition season" means a period of 12 months as may be selected by the producer-distributor, but there shall be no lapse of time between the termination of one season and the beginning of the next.

Subd. 20. **Watchmaking.** The term "watchmaking" includes and means the repairing, replace, rebuilding, readjusting or regulating of the mechanical parts of watches, and the repairs thereof and the manufacturing and fitting of parts designed for use or used in watches. Such statements shall not include or mean the manufacturing or repairing of watch cases, but shall include the repairing of all winding mechanisms whether they are parts of such cases or not.

Subd. 21. **Board.** The term "board" means the "Minnesota Board of Examiners in Watchmaking."

[1907 c 457 s 8; 1913 c 554 s 1; 1933 c 349 s 5; 1937 c 367 s 1, 6; 1937 c 370 s 4; 1941 c 460 s 1; 1943 c 474 s 1; 1947 c 253 s 1; 1957 c 907 s 1-3; 1967 c 602 s 10-16] (5872, 5887, 5887-23, 5887-30, 5887-30e)

#### ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, SURVEYORS

##### 326.02 REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND SURVEYORS.

Subdivision 1. **Registration mandatory.** In order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, any person in either public or private capacity practicing, or offering to practice, architecture, professional engineering, or land surveying in this state, either as an individual, a co-partner, or as agent of another, shall be registered as hereinafter provided. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice, or to offer to practice, in this state, architecture, professional engineering, or land surveying, or to solicit or to contract to furnish work within the terms of sections 326.02 to 326.16, or to use in connection with his name, or to otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he is an architect, professional engineer (hereinafter called engineer), or land surveyor, unless such person is qualified by registration under sections 326.02 to 326.16.

Subd. 2. **Practice of architecture.** Any person shall be deemed to be practicing architecture, within the meaning of sections 326.02 to 326.16, who holds himself out as able to perform or who does perform any professional service, such as planning, design, or supervision of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with specifications and design, in connection with any private or public buildings, structures or projects, or the equipment or utilities thereof, or the accessories thereto, wherein the safeguarding of life, health, or property is concerned or involved, when such professional service requires the application of the art and science of construction based upon the principles of mathematics, aesthetics, and the physical sciences, acquired by education or training, and by experience. For the purposes of this subdivision "supervision" is a professional service as distinguished from superintending of construction and means the performance or the supervision thereof, of reasonable and ordinary on the site observations to determine that the construction is in substantial compliance with the approved drawings, plans and specifications.

Subd. 3. **Practice of professional engineering.** Any person shall be deemed to be practicing professional engineering within the meaning of sections 326.02 to 326.16 who holds himself out as able to perform or who does perform any technical professional service, such as planning, design or observation of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with specifications and design, in connection with any public or private structures, buildings, utilities, machines, equip-

ment, processes, works, or projects wherein the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, or property is concerned or involved, when such professional service requires the application of the principles of mathematics and the physical and applied engineering sciences, acquired by education or training, and by experience.

**Subd. 4. Practice of land surveying.** Any person shall be deemed to be practicing land surveying within the meaning of sections 326.02 to 326.16 who holds himself out as able to perform or who does perform any survey for the establishment or re-establishment of land boundaries, or for the subdivision and platting of land or for the determination of areas.

**Subd. 5. Limitation.** The provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.16 shall not apply to the preparation of plans and specifications for the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building or other structure by any person, for his exclusive occupancy or use, unless such occupancy or use involves the public health or safety or the health or safety of the employees of said person, or of the buildings listed in section 326.03, subdivision 2, nor to any detailed or shop plans required to be furnished by a contractor to a registered engineer or architect, nor to any standardized manufactured product, nor to any construction superintendent supervising the execution of work designed by an architect or engineer registered in accordance with section 326.03.

[1921 c 523 s 1; 1933 c 404 s 1; 1945 c 380 s 1; Ex1967 c 28 s 1; 1971 c 22 s 1-3] (5697-1)

**326.03 REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Subdivision 1. No person, except an architect, engineer or land surveyor, registered as provided for in sections 326.02 to 326.15 shall practice architecture, professional engineering, or land surveying, respectively, in the preparation of plans, specifications, report, plats or other architectural, engineering, or land surveying documents, or in the observation of architectural, engineering, or land surveying projects.

**Subd. 2.** Nothing contained in sections 326.02 to 326.16 shall prevent persons from advertising and performing services such as consultation, investigation, or evaluation in connection with, or from making plans and specifications for, or from supervising, the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any of the following buildings:

(a) Dwellings for single families, and outbuildings in connection therewith, such as barns and private garages;

(b) Two family dwellings;

(c) Any farm building or accessory thereto;

(d) Temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for construction purposes, not exceeding two stories in height, and not used for living quarters;

(e) Any public work or public improvement done by a public body in this state, the cost of which does not exceed \$2,000, provided that plans and specifications for such work or improvement affecting water supply or waste disposal are approved by the appropriate state agency; or

(f) Any building, structure, or work, the total cost of which does not exceed \$30,000.

**Subd. 3.** No plat, map, or drawing of any survey or subdivision of lands required by law to be filed or recorded with the register of deeds or registered with the registrar of titles of any county, shall be filed, recorded, or registered therein unless there shall be endorsed thereon a certification by a registered land surveyor.

**Subd. 4.** The provisions hereof shall not apply to any person holding an elective office when in discharging the duties thereof such person is required to do work or perform service of the character of work or service usually done or performed by an architect, engineer, or land surveyor.

**Subd. 5.** The provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.16 shall not apply to inspection and service work done by employees of insurance companies, their agents, or insurance rating bureaus.

[1921 c 523 s 2; 1933 c 404 s 1; 1945 c 380 s 2; Ex1967 c 28 s 2] (5697-2)

**326.031 SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES, USE OF BRAND NAMES.** Any engineer, architect, or other person preparing specifications with respect to a contract for the construction of any facility for the state, or any agency or department thereof, or for any county, city, village, borough, town, or school district, shall at the time of submitting such specifications to the governing body of the organization requesting the specifications, submit to such body, in writing, a list

showing each item in the specifications which has been specified by brand name, unless such specifications allow for the consideration of an equal.

[1969 c 635 s 1]

**326.04 STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND SURVEYORS.** To carry out the provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.15 there is hereby created a state board of registration for architects, engineers, and land surveyors (hereinafter called the board) consisting of nine members, who shall be appointed by the governor. Three members shall be registered architects, five members shall be registered engineers and one member shall be a registered land surveyor. Not more than one member of said board shall be from the same branch of the profession of engineering. The members of the first board shall be appointed to serve for the following terms: two members for one year; two members for two years; two members for three years; and one member for four years, said term ending on the first day of January of the succeeding years. On the expiration of each of said terms the term of office of each newly appointed or reappointed member of the board shall be for a period of four years and shall terminate on the first day of January; except that each member shall hold over after the expiration of his term until his successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified. The two engineering members of the board added by this amendment shall be appointed for the following term: one for a term ending on the first day of January of the next succeeding year, and one for a term ending on the first day of January of the second succeeding year following his appointment. Thereafter their successors shall be appointed for a term of four years as provided for the other members of the board. The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty. Vacancies in the membership of the board, however created, shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term.

[1921 c 523 s 3; 1949 c 86 s 1] (5697-3)

**326.05 QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS.** Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state at the time of his appointment. He shall have been engaged in the practice of his profession for at least ten years and shall have been in responsible charge of work for at least five years. He shall be a member in good standing of a recognized society of architects, engineers, or land surveyors; and, except as provided in section 326.06, shall be a registered architect, registered engineer, or registered land surveyor.

[1921 c. 523 s. 4] (5697-4)

**326.06 GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD.** Each member of the board shall receive a certificate of appointment from the governor, and, before beginning his term of office, shall file with the secretary of state the constitutional oath of office. The board, or any committee thereof, shall be entitled to the services of the attorney general in connection with the affairs of the board, and the board shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony and proofs concerning all matters within its jurisdiction. The board shall adopt and have an official seal, which shall be affixed to all certificates of registration granted; shall make all bylaws and rules, not inconsistent with law, needed in performing its duties; and shall fix standards for determining the qualifications of applicants for certificates, which shall not exceed the requirements contained in the curriculum of a recognized school of architecture or engineering.

[1921 c. 523 s. 5] (5697-5)

**326.07 BOARD, MEETINGS OF, OFFICERS, QUORUM.** The board shall hold a meeting within 30 days after its members are first appointed, and thereafter shall hold at least two regular meetings each year. Special meetings shall be held at such times as the bylaws of the board may provide. Notice of all meetings shall be given in such manner as the bylaws may provide. The board shall elect annually from its members a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary-treasurer. A quorum of the board shall consist of not less than five members, of whom two shall be architects and three engineers.

[1921 c 523 s 6; 1949 c 86 s 2] (5697-6)

**326.08 FEES, DISPOSAL OF; PAY OF BOARD MEMBERS; BONDS.** Subdivision 1. All fees and other moneys accruing from the operation of sections 326.02 to 326.15 shall be paid to the board and shall be used for the purposes of sections 326.02 to 326.16. The expenses of the board shall be paid by voucher

made by the secretary-treasurer and approved by the chairman. Each member of the board shall receive \$35 for each day or portion thereof that he attends a meeting of the board or is otherwise engaged in performing official business of the board. The members of the board shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in travel to and from meetings and for expenditures for hotel bills, meals, stationery, postage, printing, typewriting, and the like necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Subd. 2. Any member of the board, the executive secretary of the board, or the attorney for the board may be authorized by the board to attend any architectural, engineering, or land surveying conference or meeting held outside of this state, the major purpose of which is the consideration of problems directly associated with the registration of architects, professional engineers, or land surveyors. In addition to any subsistence and travel allowance prescribed by law for travel outside of the state, a member of the board who attends such an architectural, engineering, or land surveying conference or meeting pursuant to authorization by the board shall receive \$35 for each day or portion thereof he attends the conference or meeting or travels to or from the conference or meeting.

Subd. 3. The secretary-treasurer of the board shall give a surety bond satisfactory to the state treasurer, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties. The premium on the bond shall be regarded as a proper and necessary expense of the board.

[1921 c 523 s 7; Ex1967 c 28 s 3; 1971 c 22 s 4; 1971 c 24 s 35] (5697-7)

**326.09 RECORDS AND REPORTS OF BOARD.** The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a register of all applicants for registration, showing for each the date of application, name, age, educational and other qualifications, place of business, and the place of residence, whether or not an examination was required and whether the applicant was rejected or a certificate of registration granted, and the date of such action. The books and register of the board shall be prima facie evidence of all matters recorded therein. A roster showing the names and places of business and of residence of all registered architects, engineers, and land surveyors shall be prepared by the secretary-treasurer of the board during the month of January, of each year; such roster shall be printed out of the funds of the board, as provided in section 326.08. On or before the first day of October in each even numbered year, the board shall submit a biennial report to the governor covering its activities during the two preceding fiscal years, together with a complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the board, signed by the chairman and the secretary-treasurer, and a copy of the roster of registered architects, registered engineers, and registered land surveyors.

[1921 c 523 s 8; 1955 c 847 s 23; 1957 c 15] (5697-8)

**326.10 CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.** Subdivision 1. **Issuance.** The board shall on application therefor on a prescribed form, and the payment of a fee of \$15, issue a certificate of registration as an architect, engineer, or land surveyor. A separate fee shall be paid for each profession registered.

(1) To any person over 25 years of age, who is a citizen of the United States or Canada, or who has made declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States; who speaks and writes the English language; who is of good moral character and repute, and has been actively engaged for eight or more years in architectural or engineering work, or engaged for six or more years in land surveying. The character of such work shall be satisfactory to the board. Each scholastic year of teaching or of study satisfactorily completed of architecture in a school or college of architecture accredited by the national architectural accrediting board, or for each scholastic year of teaching or of study satisfactorily completed of engineering in an engineering curriculum accredited by the engineers' council for professional development, or for the land surveyor each scholastic year of teaching or of study satisfactorily completed in an engineering and land surveying curriculum accredited by the engineers' council for professional development, shall be considered as equivalent to one year of such active engagement, provided, however, that three years of actual experience of a standard satisfactory to the board shall be required in addition to school attendance.

An honorably discharged veteran of World War I or World War II shall be given credit for such experience or education gained in the armed services of the United States as meets the standards fixed by the board.

(2) To any person who holds a like unexpired certificate of registration issued to him by proper authority in the District of Columbia, in any state or territory of the United States, or in any province of Canada, in which the requirements for registration of architects, engineers, or land surveyors are equal to those fixed by the board and by the laws of this state, and in which similar privileges are extended to the holders of certificates of registration issued by this state. The board may require such person to submit a certificate of his technical qualification from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in the case of an architect, and from the National Council of Engineering Examiners in the case of an engineer.

Subd. 2. **Examination.** The board may subject any applicant to such examinations as may be deemed necessary to establish his qualifications.

In determining the qualifications in such cases of applicants for registration as architects, a majority vote of the architect members of the board only shall be required; in determining the qualifications in such cases of applicants for registration as engineers, a majority vote of the engineer members of the board only, shall be required; and in determining the qualifications of applicants for registration as land surveyors, the affirmative vote of the land surveyor member and of one engineer of the board only, shall be required.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, Ex1967 c 28 s 9]

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** Certificates of registration shall expire on the last day of the calendar year for which they are issued and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer of the board to notify, by mail, every person registered of the date of the expiration of his certificate and the amount of fee required for its renewal for one year; such notice shall be mailed to the registrant at his address as shown on the records of the board at least one month in advance of the date of the expiration of the certificate. Renewal may be effected on or before December 31 of each year by the payment of a fee of not to exceed \$15 for each profession.

Subd. 5. **Delayed renewal fee.** The failure on the part of any registrant to renew his certificate annually before December 31 shall not deprive such person of his right of renewal thereafter, but the fee to be paid for the late renewal of the certificate shall be \$3 for each profession in addition to the renewal fee for each profession.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, Ex1967 c 28 s 9]

Subd. 7. **Architect-in-training; engineer-in-training; land surveyor-in-training.**

(1) Any applicant for certification as an architect-in-training who is a graduate with a bachelor of architecture degree from an accredited school or college of architecture or who has had equivalent education or experience or a combination thereof of a grade and character acceptable to the board shall receive from the board, upon passing an examination in fundamental architectural subjects, a certificate stating that he has passed such examination and that his name has been recorded as an architect-in-training.

(2) Any applicant for certification as an engineer-in-training who is a graduate with a bachelor of engineering degree from a school or college having an accredited engineering curriculum or who has had equivalent education or experience or a combination thereof of a grade and character acceptable to the board shall receive from the board, upon passing an examination in fundamental engineering subjects, a certificate stating that he has passed such examination and that his name has been recorded as an engineer-in-training.

(3) Any applicant for certification as a land surveyor-in-training who has had a minimum of four years of qualifying experience of a character satisfactory to the board, of which a formal education may constitute a part thereof, shall receive from the board, upon passing a written examination on the fundamentals of mathematics and the basic principles of land surveying, a certificate stating that he has passed such examination and that his name has been recorded as a land surveyor-in-training.

[1921 c 523 s 9; 1933 c 404 s 2; 1945 c 380 s 3; 1949 c 86 s 3; 1949 c 507 s 1; 1955 c 433 s 1; 1959 c 336 s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 1961 c 519 s 1; Ex1967 c 28 s 4-7; 1971 c 22 s 5; 1971 c 25 s 61] (5697-9)

**326.11 CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION, REVOCATION, RE-ISSUE, DUPLICATIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Revocation.** The board shall have the power to revoke or suspend as hereinafter provided, the certificate of registration of any architect, engineer, or land surveyor, who is found guilty by the board of any

fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration, or of attaching his seal or signature to any plan, specification, report, plat, or other architectural, engineering, or land surveying document not prepared by him or under his direct supervision, or of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of architecture, engineering, or land surveying, or upon conviction of any violation of sections 326.02 to 326.16 or amendments thereof, or of any crime involving moral turpitude or upon adjudication of insanity or incompetency, and in the case of such conviction or adjudication, such revocation or suspension may be made by the board on its own motion on the filing with its secretary-treasurer of a copy of the minutes of such conviction and judgment or adjudication, duly certified by the clerk in whose custody they are, the same to be conclusive evidence of such conviction or adjudication.

**Subd. 2. Charges.** Any person may prefer charges of such fraud, deceit, misuse of seal or signature or of such gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct against any person registered hereunder. Such charges shall be in writing, sworn to by the complainant, filed with the secretary-treasurer and submitted by him to the board; and, unless dismissed without hearing by the board as unfounded or trivial, shall be heard or determined by the board within three months after the date of such filing with the secretary-treasurer. A time and place for such hearing shall be fixed by the board.

**Subd. 3. Copy served; notice of hearing.** A copy of the charges, together with a notice of the time and place of hearing, shall be legally served on the accused at least 30 days before the date fixed for the hearing, and, in the event that such service cannot be effected 30 days before the hearing, the date of hearing and determination shall be postponed as may be necessary to permit the carrying out of this condition.

**Subd. 4. Hearing.** At the hearing the accused shall have the right to appear personally and by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses against him, and to produce evidence and witnesses in his defense. If, after said hearing, six or more members vote in favor of finding the accused guilty of any charge made against him, the board may revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of the accused.

**Subd. 5. Re-issue.** The board may re-issue a certificate of registration to any person whose certificate has been revoked, provided six or more members of the board vote in favor of such reissuance for reasons the board may deem sufficient.

**Subd. 6. Replacement of lost certificate.** A new certificate of registration to replace any certificate revoked, lost, destroyed, or mutilated, may be issued, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. A charge of \$1.00 shall be made for such reissuance.

[1921 c 523 s 10; 1945 c 380 s 4; 1949 c 86 s 4; Ex1967 c 28 s 8] (5697-10)

**326.12 CERTIFICATES AS EVIDENCE; SEALS OF REGISTRANTS.** Subdivision 1. **Judicial proof.** The issuance of a certificate of registration by the board shall be evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a registered architect, registered engineer, or registered land surveyor while the certificate remains unrevoked or has not expired or has not been suspended.

**Subd. 2. Seal.** Each registrant may, upon registration, obtain a seal of a design approved by the board, bearing the registrant's name and the legend "registered architect," "registered professional engineer," or "registered land surveyor." Plans, specifications, plats, reports, and other documents prepared by a registrant may be stamped with the seal during the life of registrant's certificate. A rubber stamp facsimile thereof may be used in lieu of the seal on tracings from which prints are to be made or on papers which would be damaged by the regular seal. It shall be unlawful for any one to stamp or seal any document with the stamp or seal after the certificate of the registrant named thereon has expired, been revoked or suspended, unless said certificate shall have been renewed or reissued.

**Subd. 3. Certified signature.** Each plan, specification, plat, report, or other document which sections 326.02 to 326.16 require be prepared by a registered architect, registered engineer, or registered land surveyor shall bear the signature of the person preparing it, or the signature of the person under whose direct supervision it was prepared. Each signature shall be accompanied by a certification that the signer is registered under sections 326.02 to 326.16, by the person's registration number, and by the date on which the signature was affixed. The



provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to documents of an intra-office or intra-company nature.

*[1921 c 523 s 11; 1945 c 380 s 5; 1971 c 22 s 6] (5697-11)*

**326.13 PRACTICE EXEMPT.** Registration under the provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.15 shall not be required for the following types of professional practice:

(1) Practice as an architect or an engineer, in this state, by any person not a resident of and having no established place of business in this state, or any person resident in this state, but whose arrival in the state is recent; provided, however, such person shall have filed an application for registration as an architect or an engineer, and shall have paid the fee provided for in section 326.10. Such exemption shall continue for only such reasonable time as the board requires in which to consider and grant or deny the application for registration; and, provided, such person is legally qualified to practice such profession in his own state or country in which the requirements and qualifications for obtaining a certificate of registration are not lower than those specified in sections 326.02 to 326.15;

(2) Practice as an architect, an engineer, or a land surveyor by any person not a resident of, and having no established place of business in, this state, as a consulting associate of an architect, an engineer, or a land surveyor registered under the provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.15; provided, the non-resident is qualified for such professional service in his own state or country;

(3) Practice as an architect, an engineer, or a land surveyor solely as an officer or employee of the United States.

*[1921 c 523 s 13; 1933 c 404 s 4; 1971 c 22 s 7] (5697-13)*

**326.14 CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS AUTHORIZED.** A corporation or partnership may engage in work of an architectural or engineering character, or in land surveying in this state, provided the person or persons connected with such corporation or partnership in responsible charge of such work is or are registered as herein required for the practice of architecture, engineering and land surveying.

*[1921 c 523 s. 14; 1933 c. 404 s. 5; 1945 c. 380 s. 6] (5697-14)*

**326.15 FALSE IMPERSONATION.** It shall be unlawful for any person to present or attempt to use as his own the seal or certificate of another, or to give false or forged evidence of any kind to the board, or any member thereof, or to falsely impersonate any registrant of like or different name, or to use or attempt to use as his own the certificate of registration of another issued by any authority outside of this state, or to use or attempt to use an expired or revoked or suspended certificate of registration.

*[1921 c. 523 s. 15; 1945 c. 380 s. 7] (5697-15)*

**326.16 APPEALS TO DISTRICT COURT.** Any person aggrieved by any ruling or order of the board made under the provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.15, may appeal therefrom to any district court of the state by serving written notice of such intention upon the secretary-treasurer of the board, specifying such court, within 30 days after the same is made. The secretary-treasurer of the board shall thereupon file with the clerk of such court a certified copy of the order or rulings or findings of fact upon which the same are based, which shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. The trial of all issues on such appeal shall be de novo by the court and such appeal shall be heard and tried in the same manner as other issues of law and fact are heard and tried in such court, and the ruling or order of the board shall be stayed pending the said appeal.

*[1933 c. 404 s. 6; 1945 c. 380 s. 8] (5697-16)*

### ACCOUNTANTS

**326.17 STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.** A board of examiners, to be known as the state board of accountancy, is hereby created to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of sections 326.17 to 326.23. It shall consist of five citizens of this state to be appointed by the governor, and who shall be the holders of certificates issued under the provisions of sections 326.17 to 326.23, and shall hold office until the expiration of their respective terms and until their successors are appointed and have qualified. The members of the state board of accountancy in office on June 30, 1962, shall continue in office for the remainder of their respective unexpired terms, which terms expire on December 31 of successive years.

If a member is unable or unwilling to complete the term for which he was appointed, the governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of his term. Upon the expiration of any term, the governor shall appoint a member of the board for a term of five years.

[1979 c 439 s 1; 1959 c 269 s 1; 1963 c 145 s 1] (5698)

**326.18 BOARD, DUTIES, OFFICERS, EXAMINATIONS, REPORT.** A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. The board shall elect one of its number as chairman, another as vice chairman, and another as secretary and treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices for a term of one year and until their successors are elected. The affirmative vote of three members of the board shall be considered as the action of the board. The board shall enforce the standard of general education; the standard of special education in the science and art of accounting; the standard of moral character and general public experience, as prescribed in sections 326.17 to 326.23, in all examination conducted thereunder. The board shall make rules and regulations for the conduct of applicants' examinations and the character and scope of such examinations, the method and time of filing applications for examinations and their form and contents, and all other rules and regulations proper to carry into effect the purposes of sections 326.17 to 326.23. All such examinations shall be conducted by the state board of accountancy. The time and place of holding examinations shall be advertised for not less than three consecutive days in one daily newspaper published in each of the counties where the examinations are to be held, and not less than 20 days prior to the date of each examination. The examinations shall take place as often as may be convenient in the opinion of the board, but not less than once in each year. The board may make further rules and regulations, including but not limited to rules of professional conduct, pertaining to corporations practicing public accounting which it deems consistent with or required by the public welfare.

The board shall keep records of its proceedings, an accurate list of all applications made, certificates issued, certificates registered, and certificates revoked, and shall keep proper financial records in which there shall be entered a complete statement of the cash receipts and disbursements. It shall adopt and provide itself with a seal with a band inscribed "Certified Public Accountant, State of Minnesota," with the coat of arms of Minnesota in the center, which seal shall be affixed to each certificate issued or registered under sections 326.17 to 326.23. All records of the board shall be open to the inspection of the public at the office of its secretary. It shall report biennially, on or before October 1 in each even numbered year to the governor for the two preceding fiscal years, as follows:

- (1) Its receipts and disbursements;
- (2) Names of persons to whom certificates have been issued;
- (3) Names of all persons whose certificates have been revoked;
- (4) Recommendations, if any, for new legislation; and
- (5) Such other matters as the board may deem proper.

[1909 c 439 s 2; 1955 c 847 s 24; 1959 c 269 s 2; 1963 c 145 s 2; 1971 c 811 s 1] (5699)

**326.19 CERTIFICATION; QUALIFICATION OF ACCOUNTANTS.** Subdivision 1. **Certificates, to whom granted.** No certificate for a certified public accountant shall be granted, except as provided herein or in subdivisions 2 and 3, to any person other than one who is over the age of 21 years and of good moral character and who shall have completed at least three years of public accounting experience (1) as a staff employee of a certified public accountant or public accountant or (2) as an examiner in the office of public examiner, an auditor in the division of cooperative accounting, state department of agriculture, or as an auditor or examiner with any other agency of government, which experience, in the opinion of the board is equally comprehensive and diversified or (3) as a self-employed public accountant or as a partner in a firm of public accountants or (4) in any combination of the foregoing capacities, and who shall have successfully passed an examination in such subjects as the board may prescribe in its rules. No person qualifying under this section shall be permitted to take such examination unless he shall have completed the above experience requirements. This subdivision shall expire July 1, 1976.

Subd. 2. **Certificates; granting; examination.** The certificate, certified public accountant, shall be granted to any person:

- (a) Who has attained the age of 21 years; and
- (b) Who is of good moral character; and
- (c) Who holds:

(i) a master's degree with a major in accounting from a college or university that is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, or an equivalent accrediting association, or who has in the opinion of the board at least an equivalent education, providing at least one year of experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed; or

(ii) a baccalaureate degree, with a major in accounting, from a college or university that is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, or an equivalent accrediting association, or whose credits are acceptable to the university of Minnesota for admission to graduate study, or who has in the opinion of the board at least an equivalent education, providing at least two years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed; or

(iii) a baccalaureate degree from a college or university that is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, or an equivalent accrediting association, or whose credits are acceptable to the university of Minnesota for admission to graduate study, or who has in the opinion of the board at least an equivalent education, providing at least three years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed; or

(iv) evidence of having completed two or more years of study with passing grade average or above from a college or university that is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, or an equivalent accrediting association, or whose credits are acceptable to the university of Minnesota for admission to graduate study, or who has in the opinion of the board at least an equivalent education, providing at least five years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed; or

(v) a diploma as a graduate of an accredited high school or who has in the opinion of the board at least an equivalent education, providing at least six years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed, and;

(d) Who has completed successfully an examination in such subjects and at such times, as the board may prescribe in its rules. The examination shall be administered by the board only to a candidate who holds:

(i) a baccalaureate degree with a major in accounting or higher degree, as described in clause (c) (i) or clause (c) (ii), or to persons having at least an equivalent education, or to candidates for such degree providing such candidate is currently registered in his final semester or quarter preceding graduation, or

(ii) a baccalaureate degree, as described in clause (c) (iii), provided at least one years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed, or

(iii) evidence of having completed two or more years of study with passing grade average or above from a college or university, as described in clause (c) (iv), provided at least three years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed, or

(iv) a diploma as a graduate of an accredited high school, as described in clause (c) (v), provided at least five years experience of the type specified in subdivision 4, has been completed.

Subd. 3. **Certificate without examination.** The state board of accountancy may, in its discretion, waive the examination of and may issue a certificate for certified public accountant to any person possessing the qualifications mentioned in this section, who:

(a) Is the holder of a C.P.A. certificate, issued under the laws of another state, provided the requirements for the degree or certificate in the state which has granted it to the applicant are, in the opinion of the state board of accountancy, equivalent to those herein provided; or

(b) Shall be the holder of a degree or certificate of certified public accountant or chartered accountant, or the equivalent thereof, issued in any foreign country, provided that the requirements for such degree or certificate are equivalent to those herein provided for the degree or certificate of certified public accountant in this state.

(c) Shall in another jurisdiction have completed successfully an examination

which, in the opinion of the board, is comparable to that prescribed by the board in its rules and provided that such person has satisfied the other requirements of subdivision 2.

**Subd. 4. Qualifying experience for examination and granting of certificate.** Qualifying experience for subdivisions 2 and 3 shall include public accounting experience (1) as a staff employee of a certified public accountant or public accountant, a firm of certified public accountants or public accountants, or a corporation formed for the practice of public accounting; or (2) as an examiner in the office of public examiner, or as an auditor or examiner with any other agency of government, which experience, in the opinion of the board is equally comprehensive and diversified; or (3) as a self-employed public accountant or as a partner in a firm of public accountants; or (4) in any combination of the foregoing capacities.

[1909 c 439 s 3; 1933 c 236; 1947 c 31 s 1; 1949 c 577 s 1; 1957 c 48; 1959 c 269 s 3; 1961 c 113 s 1; 1963 c 145 s 3; 1969 c 1036 s 1; 1971 c 811 s 2] (5700)

**326.20 REGISTRATION.** Subdivision 1. **Annual registration of certified public accountants.** Every holder of a certified public accountant certificate issued by the board, if he is engaged, or intends to be engaged, in public practice within this state at any time during a calendar year shall obtain a registration card for such year.

The board shall, in December of each year, upon application made by any holder of an unrevoked Minnesota certificate as a certified public accountant issue a registration card which shall be good until December 31 of the next succeeding year, unless the said certificate shall sooner be revoked. Interim registration cards shall be issued to individuals who have satisfied the provisions of sections 326.17 to 326.23 within the year.

**Subd. 2. Annual registration of partnerships.** Every partnership in which one or more certified public accountants of this state is a partner, if it is engaged, or intends to be engaged, in public practice within this state at any time during a calendar year shall register with the state board of accountancy for such year. Upon application made upon the affidavit of a general partner of such partnership who is a certified public accountant of this state in good standing, the board shall, in December of each year, issue a registration card which shall be good until December 31 of the next succeeding year, unless the said registration shall sooner be revoked. Interim registration cards shall be issued to partnerships who have satisfied the provisions of this subdivision. The application shall confer upon the board the consent of the partnership, and of the general partner making the application, to the board's jurisdiction over the acts of the partnership and its partners or agents within the state.

**Subd. 3. Unregistered practice.** It shall be unlawful for any certified public accountant or any partnership containing one or more certified public accountants to engage in public practice within this state unless such certified public accountant or partnership is duly registered as provided by this section. A partnership shall be deemed in public practice within this state if it performs professional accounting services for a fee while maintaining an office within this state. A certified public accountant shall be deemed in public practice within this state if he performs professional accounting services for a fee incidental to an office which he, or an employer engaged in public practice, maintains within this state.

[1909 c 439 s 4; 1963 c 145 s 4; 1969 c 1036 s 2] (5701)

**326.21 HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE, HOW STYLED.** Any person who has received from the state board of accountancy a certificate of his qualifications to practice as a certified public accountant shall be known and styled a certified public accountant; and no other person who has not received such certificate shall assume such title or the title of certified accountant, or the abbreviation C.P.A., or any other words, letters, or abbreviations tending to indicate that the person so using the same is a certified public accountant. No partnership shall style itself as a firm of certified public accountants unless (1) all partners resident in this state are certified public accountants of this state and (2) all managers in charge of offices maintained in this state are certified public accountants of this state and (3) all partners, wherever situated, are certified public accountants of one of the states or territories or of the District of Columbia and (4) the partnership is duly registered under section 326.20. No corporation, other than one duly

registered under the laws of this state shall style itself as certified public accountants, or use the abbreviation C.P.A. in connection with its corporate name.

[1909 c 439 s 5; 1959 c 269 s 4; 1969 c 1036 s 3; 1971 c 399 s 22; 1971 c 811 s 3] (5702)

**326.22 FEES.** Subdivision 1. **Fee for examination and certificate.** The state board of accountancy shall charge for each examination and certificate provided for in sections 326.17 to 326.23 a fee to be prescribed in the rules of the board, not to exceed \$50, to meet the expenses of such examination. This fee shall be payable by the applicant at the time of making his initial application, and no additional charge shall be made for the issuance of a certificate to any applicant.

Subd. 2. **Annual registration fee.** Each person or partnership to whom an annual registration card is issued shall pay an annual fee at the rate set by the board for such year, not in excess of \$10 for individual registrants nor \$25 for partnerships.

Subd. 3. **Expenses of administration.** From the fees collected under sections 326.17 to 326.23 the board shall pay all expenses incident to the examinations, hearings, and expense of issuing certificates, traveling expenses of the board while performing their duties. The members of the board of accountancy shall be paid all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

[1909 c 439 s 6; 1959 c 269 s 5; 1963 c 145 s 5; 1969 c 1036 s 4] (5703)

**326.23 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION; REINSTATEMENT.** The state board of accountancy may revoke or suspend any certificate or registration issued under sections 326.17 to 326.23, for bad moral character, dishonesty, conviction of crime, incompetency or unprofessional conduct; provided, a written notice shall have been mailed to the holder of such certificate at least 20 days before any hearing thereon, stating the cause for such contemplated action and appointing a time and place for a hearing thereon by the state board of accountancy; and, provided, further, that no certificate or registration issued under sections 326.17 to 326.23 shall be revoked or suspended until an opportunity for such hearing shall have been afforded. At all such hearings the attorney general, or one of his assistants designated by him, shall attend. Certificates or registrations issued under sections 326.17 to 326.23 shall be surrendered to the state board of accountancy on their revocation or suspension by the board.

The state board of accountancy may reinstate a revoked certificate or registration upon a petition for reinstatement by the former holder thereof. The board of accountancy shall appoint a time and place for the hearing on such petition and may prescribe any necessary rules and regulations relating to such reinstatement of a revoked certificate or registration not inconsistent with any provisions of the statutes relating to public accountancy.

[1909 c 439 s 7; 1933 c 283; 1963 c 145 s 6; 1969 c 1036 s 5] (5704)

### MINNESOTA ELECTRICAL ACT

**326.24** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.241 STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICITY.** Subdivision 1. **Composition.** The state board of electricity shall consist of seven members, residents of the state, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, each for a term of five years, and until his successor qualifies, of whom at least two shall be representatives of the electrical suppliers in the rural areas of the state, two shall be master electricians, who shall be contractors, two journeyman electricians, and one a registered consulting electrical engineer.

Subd. 2. **Powers.** The board shall have power to:

- (1) Elect its own officers;
- (2) Engage and fix the compensation of such officers, inspectors, and employees as it may see fit. All agents and employees other than the executive secretary, an assistant executive secretary, and contract inspectors shall be in the classified service. All inspectors shall hold licenses as master or journeyman electricians under section 326.242, subdivision 1(1) or subdivision 2(1), and shall give bond in an amount fixed by the board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties.

- (3) To pay such other expenses as it may deem necessary in the performance of its duties, including rent, supplies, and such like.

- (4) To enforce the provisions of Laws 1967, Chapter 602, and provide, upon request, such additional voluntary inspections and reviews as it may deem appropriate.

(5) To issue, renew, refuse to renew, suspend and revoke licenses provided for in Laws 1967, Chapter 602.

(6) To adopt reasonable rules and regulations to carry out its duties under Laws 1967, Chapter 602 and to provide for the amount and collection of fees for inspection and other services. All such rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1965, Chapter 15.

**Subd. 3. Compensation and finances.** Each member of the board shall be paid compensation of \$35 per day for each day spent in performance of his duties, plus actual expenses. Compensation and expenses shall not be paid for more than twenty-four days in any calendar year, exclusive of days spent in actual attendance at required public hearings on matters before the board in regard to rules and regulations, appeals, or license proceedings. All fees collected under the provisions of Laws 1967, Chapter 602 are annually appropriated to the board for its use and, on or before October 1 of each year, the board shall report, in writing, to the governor and the commissioner of administration its receipts and disbursements for the preceding twelve months.

[1967 c 602 s 1]

**326.242 LICENSES.** Subdivision 1. **Master electrician.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall, for another plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for electrical light, heat, power, and other purposes unless he is licensed by the board as a master electrician or licensed electrical contractor.

(1) An applicant for a Class A master electrician's license shall (a) be a graduate of a four year electrical course in an accredited college or university; or (b) shall have had at least one year's experience, acceptable to the board, as a licensed journeyman; or (c) shall have had at least five years' experience, acceptable to the board, in planning for, laying out, supervising and installing wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat and power.

(2) An applicant for a Class B master electrician's license shall have had at least three years of experience, acceptable to the board, in electrical work. No Class B master electrician's license shall be valid except in regard to single phase systems, not over 200 amperes in capacity, on farmsteads or in single family dwellings located in towns or municipalities with fewer than 2500 inhabitants. References herein to "master electrician" shall include "Class B master electrician" unless otherwise specified.

**Subd. 2. Journeyman electrician.** No person shall, for another, wire for, install, or repair electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment, unless he is licensed by the board as a master electrician or journeyman electrician or licensed electrical contractor.

(1) An applicant for a Class A journeyman electrician's license shall have had at least four years of experience, acceptable to the board, in wiring for, installing, and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment, provided however, that the board may by rule or regulation provide for the allowance of one year of experience credit for successful completion of a two-year post high school electrical course approved by the board.

(2) An applicant for a Class B journeyman electrician's license shall have had at least two years of experience, acceptable to the board, in wiring for, installing, and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment. No Class B journeyman's license shall be valid except in regard to single phase systems, not over 200 amperes in capacity, on farmsteads or in single family dwellings located in towns or municipalities with fewer than 2500 inhabitants.

**Subd. 3. Installer.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2 and 6, any person holding an installer license may lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment for major electrical home appliances on the load side of the main service on farmsteads and in any town or municipality with fewer than 1500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to a city of the first class and does not contain an established business of a master electrician.

An applicant for an installer license shall have completed a post high school course in electricity acceptable to the board or shall have had at least one year's experience, acceptable to the board or shall have had at least one year's experience, acceptable to the board, in electrical wiring.

Every installer, as a condition of his license, shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all work

contracted for or entered upon by him within the state of Minnesota, and such bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of such performance. Such bond shall be in lieu of all other license bonds to any political subdivision of the state. Such bond shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, 6, and 7, the board shall by rule or regulation provide for the issuance of special electrician licenses empowering the licensee to engage in a limited class or classes of electrical work, which class or classes shall be specified on the license certificate. Each licensee shall have had at least two years of experience, acceptable to the board, in each such limited class of work for which he is licensed.

Subd. 5. **Apprentices.** Any person may work as an apprentice to a licensed electrician, but shall do no electrical wiring except under the personal on-the-job supervision of such licensed electrician.

Subd. 6. **Contractors.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than an employee of a licensed electrical contractor shall undertake or offer to undertake for another to plan for, lay out, supervise and install or to make additions, alterations, and repairs in the installation of wiring apparatus and equipment for electrical light, heat, and power for a fixed sum, price, fee, percentage, or other similar compensation unless he shall obtain an electrical contractor's license. Such license shall be issued by the board upon the contractor's giving bond to the state in the penal sum of \$2,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all work entered upon by him within the state of Minnesota and such bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of such performance. The bond shall be filed with the board and shall be in lieu of all other license bonds to any political subdivision. Such bond shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota.

Each licensed electrical contractor shall have and maintain in effect public liability insurance (including products liability insurance) with limits of at least \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and property damage insurance with limits of at least \$10,000. Such insurance shall be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota and each licensed electrical contractor shall maintain on file with the board a certificate evidencing such insurance which provides that such insurance shall not be cancelled without the insurer first giving 15 days written notice to the board of such cancellation.

No contractor shall engage in business unless he is or has in his employ a licensed Class A master or Class B master electrician, who shall be responsible for the performance of all electrical work in accordance with the requirements of this Act, and the classes of work for which the licensed electrical contractor is authorized shall be limited to those for which such Class A master, or Class B master employed by him is licensed.

Subd. 7. **Examination.** In addition to the requirements imposed herein and except as herein otherwise provided, as a precondition to issuance of an electrician's license, each applicant must pass a written examination given by the board to insure the competence of each applicant for license. No person failing an examination may retake it for six months thereafter, but within such six months he may take an examination for a lesser grade of license. Any licensee failing to renew his license for two years or more after its expiration shall be required to retake the examination before he is issued a new license.

An applicant for journeyman's or special electrician's license who shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he has the requisite experience, upon written application, payment of the examination fee and fulfillment of all other requirements stated herein, may work as a journeyman or special electrician until the examination next following and the announcement of the results of such latter examination by the board.

Subd. 8. **License and renewal fees.** All licenses issued hereunder shall expire one year from the date of issuance. The following fees shall be payable for examination, issuance and renewal:

(1) For examination:

Class A Master—\$35

Class B Master—\$20

Class A Journeyman, Class B. Journeyman, Installer, or Special Electrician—\$10

- (2) For issuance of original license and renewal:

Class A Master—\$35

Class B Master—\$20

Class A Journeyman, Class B Journeyman, Installer, or Special Electrician—\$7.50

Electrical Contractor—\$10

Subd. 9. **Revocation.** The board may, for cause shown and upon notice and hearing in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board and Minnesota Statutes 1965, Chapter 15, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any license issued hereunder.

Subd. 10. **Continuation of business by estates.** Upon the death of a master who is an electrical contractor the board may permit his representative to carry on the business of the decedent for a period not in excess of six months, for the purpose of completing work under contract or otherwise to comply with this act. The representative shall give such bond as the board may require conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of such work and such bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of such performance. Such bond shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota. Such representative shall also comply with all public liability and property damage insurance requirements imposed by this chapter upon a licensed electrical contractor.

Subd. 11. **Reciprocity.** To the extent that any other state which provides for the licensing of electricians provides for similar action the board may grant licenses, without examination, of the same grade and class to an electrician who has been licensed by such other state for at least one year, upon payment by the applicant of the required fee and upon the board being furnished with proof that the required fee and upon the board being furnished with proof that the qualifications of the applicant are equal to the qualifications of holders of similar licenses in Minnesota.

Subd. 12. **Exemptions from licensing.** A maintenance electrician who is supervised by a master electrician or an electrical engineer registered with the board and who is an employee of an employer and is engaged in the maintenance, and repair of electrical equipment, apparatus, and facilities owned or leased by his employer, and performed within the limits of property which is owned or leased and operated and maintained by said employer, shall not be required to hold or obtain a license under Laws 1967, Chapter 602; or

Employees of any electric, communications, or railway utility, or of any independent contractor performing work on behalf of any such utility, shall not be required to hold licenses:

1. While performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are owned or leased, and operated and maintained by such utility in the exercise of its utility function, and which

(i) are used in connection with the generation, transformation, distribution, transmission, or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of intelligence and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, and

(ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under its control or direction; or

2. While performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are a part of the street lighting operations of such utility; or

3. While installing or performing work on outdoor area lights which are directly connected to a utility's distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles, and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under its control or direction.

[1967 c 602 s 2]

**326.243 SAFETY STANDARDS.** All electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment for electric light, heat and power shall comply with the rules and regulations of the department of public service, the commissioner of insurance, or the department of labor and industry, as applicable, and be installed in conformity with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property. For the purposes of this chapter, the regulations and safety standards stated at the time the work is done in the then most recently published edition of the National Electrical Code



as approved by the United States of America Standards Institute, and the National Electrical Safety Code as issued by the National Bureau of Standards, shall be prima facie evidence of accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property; provided further, that in the event a Minnesota building code is formulated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 16.85, containing approved methods of electrical construction for safety to life and property, compliance with said methods of electrical construction of said Minnesota building code shall also constitute compliance with this section, and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any political subdivision from making and enforcing more stringent requirements than set forth herein and such requirements shall be complied with by all licensed electricians working within the jurisdiction of such political subdivisions.

[1967 c 602 s 3; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1971 c 25 s 67]

**326.244 INSPECTION.** Subdivision 1. **Required inspection.** Except in cities of the first and second class and such other political subdivisions as have inspection similar to that herein provided, every new electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement, or repair, except minor repair work as the same is defined by the board by rule or regulation, shall be inspected by the board for compliance with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property.

Subd. 2. **Procedure.** At or before commencement of any installation required to be inspected by the board, the electrical contractor, installer, special electrician, or owner making such installation shall submit to the board a request for inspection, in a form prescribed by the board, together with a supervisory fee of 50 cents and the inspection fees required for such installation.

If the inspector finds that the installation is not in compliance with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property as required by section 326.243, he shall by written order condemn the installation or noncomplying portion thereof, or order service to such installation disconnected, and shall send a copy of his order to the board. If the installation or the noncomplying part thereof is such as to seriously and proximately endanger human life and property, the order of the inspector when approved by his superior shall require immediate condemnation or disconnection. In all other cases, the order of the inspector shall permit a reasonable opportunity for the installation to be brought into compliance with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property prior to the effective time established therein for condemnation or disconnection.

Copies of each condemnation or disconnection order shall be served personally or by mail upon the property owner, and the electrical contractor, installer, or special electrician making the installation, and such other persons as the board by rule or regulation may direct. An aggrieved party may appeal any such condemnation or disconnection order by filing with the board a notice of appeal within ten days after (a) service upon him of the condemnation or disconnection order, if such service is required, or (b) filing of the order with the board, whichever is later. Thereupon the appeal shall proceed and the order of the inspector shall have such effect not inconsistent herewith as the order by its terms and the rules and regulations of the board may provide. The board shall adopt rules or regulations providing procedures for the conduct of such appeals, including provisions for the stay of enforcement of the order of the inspector pending such appeal when justified by the circumstances.

Subd. 3. **Duty of electrical utility.** No electrical installation subject to inspection by the board shall be newly connected or reconnected for use until there is filed with the electrical utility supplying power a certificate of the property owner or licensed electrician, directing the work that inspection has been requested and that the conditions of the installation are safe for energization, provided further, that in all cases where an order of condemnation or disconnection has been issued against the installation or any part thereof, prior to connection or reconnection there shall also first be filed with the electrical utility supplying the power a copy of an order of the inspector or the board dismissing such prior order of condemnation or disconnection or approving the installation as being in compliance with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property. With respect to transient projects, the aforesaid certificate shall also contain a certification that the request for inspection has been or will be filed with the board so as to be received by it at least five days prior to the date and time energization of the installation

by the utility is to occur, and that the request for inspection states such date and time, and it shall be the responsibility of the board to have inspection of such transient project occur prior to the date and time at which the request states energization is to occur.

**Subd. 4. Powers of political subdivisions.** Any political subdivision may make provision for inspection of electrical installations within its jurisdiction, in which case it shall keep on file with the board copies of its current inspection ordinances and codes. No political subdivision shall require any individual, partnership, corporation or other business association holding a license from the state board of electricity under Laws 1967, Chapter 602 to pay any license or registration fee, provided however, that any such political subdivision may provide by ordinance a requirement that each individual, partnership, corporation or other business association doing electrical work within the jurisdiction of such political subdivision have on file with said political subdivision a copy of the current license issued by the state board of electricity or such other evidence of such license as may be provided by the state board of electricity.

Each electrical inspector of any political subdivision must be a licensed master or journeyman electrician under section 326.242, subdivision 1(1) or subdivision 2(1) and may not otherwise engage or be employed in the sale or installation of electrical wiring, devices, appliances or equipment, and shall have no financial interest in any concern engaged in any such business.

**Subd. 5. Exemptions from inspections.** Installations, materials, or equipment shall not be subject to inspection under Laws 1967, Chapter 602:

1. When owned or leased, operated and maintained by any employer whose maintenance electricians are exempt from licensing under Laws 1967, Chapter 602, except any electrical installations in any new construction or major remodeling; or

2. When owned or leased, and operated and maintained by any electric, communications or railway utility in the exercise of its utility function; and

(i) are used in connection with the generations, transformation, distribution, transmission, or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of intelligence, and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility; and

(ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under its control or direction; or

3. When used in the street lighting operations of an electric utility; or

4. When used as outdoor area lights which are owned and operated by an electric utility and which are connected directly to its distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles, and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under its control or direction.

[1967 c 602 s 4]

### **326.245 MANUFACTURING OF ELECTRICAL APPARATUS; EXEMPT.**

Electrical components, apparatus or appliances being manufactured within the limits of property which is owned or leased by a manufacturer and such manufacturer's production employees shall not be covered by Laws 1967, Chapter 602. Installation or repair of electrical appliance units, exclusive of electrical wiring to the unit, shall not be covered by Laws 1967, Chapter 602.

[1967 c 602 s 5]

**326.246 CRIMES.** It is a misdemeanor knowingly and willfully to commit, or to order, instruct, or direct another to commit, any of the following acts:

(1) To make a false statement in any license application, request for inspection, certificate or other lawfully authorized or required form or statement provided by Laws 1967, Chapter 602;

(2) To perform electrical work for another without a proper license for such work;

(3) To fail to file a request for inspection when required;

(4) To interfere with, or refuse entry to, an inspector lawfully engaged in the performance of his duties; and

(5) To violate any lawful rule, regulation or order of the board.

[1967 c 602 s 6]

**326.247 CONTINUITY.** Persons now members of the board shall remain in office until the expiration of the terms to which they were appointed. Board rules,

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regulations, forms, policies and classifications of special electricians now in effect, and not in conflict herewith, shall continue until lawfully modified or repealed.

[1967 c 602 s 7]

**326.248 CITATION.** Laws 1967, Chapter 602 shall be known as the Minnesota Electrical Act.

[1967 c 602 s 8]

**326.25** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.26** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.261** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.27** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.28** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.29** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.30** [Unnecessary]

**326.31** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.32** [Repealed, 1967 c 602 s 17]

**326.33** [Repealed, 1945 c 130 s 1]

## PRIVATE DETECTIVES, PROTECTIVE AGENTS

**326.331 LICENSES.** No person shall engage in the business of private detective, investigator, or protective agent for fee or reward unless previously licensed as herein provided. Any person desiring to engage in such business may for each office or agency to be maintained by such person apply to the commissioner of public safety for a license. Upon application by any person qualified under sections 326.331 to 326.339 to engage in such business, the commissioner shall issue such a license for a period of two years upon the conditions herein set forth, such license to continue for said period so long as such licensee remains a qualified person and complies with the provisions of sections 326.331 to 326.339 and with the laws of Minnesota. No person shall be deemed qualified to hold such a license who is not a citizen of the United States or who has been convicted of felony by the courts of this or any other state or of the United States, or who has been convicted anywhere of acts which if done in Minnesota would be assault, theft, larceny, unlawful entry, extortion, defamation, buying or receiving stolen property, using, possessing, or carrying weapons or burglar tools or escape, or who has been convicted in any other country of acts which if done in Minnesota would be a felony or would be any of the other offenses specified above, nor shall any person who shall make any false statement in any application for license hereunder be deemed a qualified person to hold any such license. No other license shall be required by any other political unit or subdivision.

[1945 c 130 s 2; 1957 c 774 s 1; 1959 c 317 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3]

**326.332 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** Subdivision 1. The application for such license shall be in duplicate and shall state:

(1) The full name, age, sex, residence for the past five years, present and previous occupations and employers, of all persons signing the application;

(2) That each person signing the application is a citizen of the United States;

(3) That the person, firm, or corporation applying for the license is a resident of the state of Minnesota, or that the applicant holds an equivalent license in another state, which state shall be set forth;

(4) The municipality, stating the street and number or such apt description as will reasonably indicate the location in said municipality, where the licensed office of the applicant is to be located;

(5) Such further facts as may be required by the commissioner of public safety to show the good character, competency and integrity of each person signing the application;

(6) If applicant is a corporation, the name of the corporation, the date and place of its incorporation, the location of its principal place of business or registered office, in its state of incorporation.

Subd. 2. Each application shall be signed and acknowledged as follows: (1) if applicant is a person, by such person; (2) if applicant is a partnership, by each partner; (3) if applicant is a corporation, by the president and secretary thereof, and by the active managers of the office to be licensed.

[1945 c 130 s 3; 1957 c 774 s 2; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3]

**326.333 INFORMATION AND MATERIAL ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION.** Each such application shall be accompanied by:

(1) A surety bond executed by a company authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota wherein the applicant shall be principal, with sureties to be approved by the commissioner of public safety, to the state of Minnesota, in the penal sum of \$5,000, upon the condition that applicant and each of applicant's employees shall faithfully observe all the laws of Minnesota and of the United States, including sections 326.331 to 326.339, and shall pay all damages suffered by any person by reason of the violation of any such law by applicant or by the commission of any wilful and malicious wrong by any such applicant in the course of the conduct of such business. Action upon such bond may be brought by any person so aggrieved not later than within two years of the act complained of;

(2) For each person signing the application the verified certificates of at least five citizens not related to the signer who have known the signer for more than five years, certifying that the signer is of good moral character;

(3) Two photographs and a full set of fingerprints for each person signing the application;

(4) A duly acknowledged certificate evidencing the fact that at least one of the persons signing the application has been regularly employed as a detective or has been a member of the United States government investigative service, a sheriff or member of a city police department of a rank or grade higher than that of patrolman, or equivalent occupation, for a period of not less than three years;

(5) An acknowledged certificate evidencing the fact that at least one of the persons signing the application for protective agent has been regularly employed as a detective or has been a member of the United States government investigative service, a sheriff or member of a city police department of a rank or grade higher than that of patrolman, or equivalent part time occupation or special training, for a period of not less than three years.

[1945 c 130 s 4; 1957 c 774 s 3; 1959 c 317 s 2; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3]

**326.334 FEES; LICENSING PROCEDURE.** Subdivision 1. Each such applicant for private detective license shall pay to the commissioner of public safety a fee, if an individual, of \$125 or if a partnership or corporation of \$250, which fee shall be returned to the applicant if the application for license be denied. Each applicant for protective agent shall pay to the commissioner a fee, if an individual, of \$62.50, or if a partnership or corporation of \$125, which fee shall be returned to the applicant if the application for license be denied. Upon the receipt of any such application, the commissioner forthwith shall:

(1) Post notice in his office and notify persons who specifically request notification thereof;

(2) Transmit to the bureau of criminal apprehension the duplicate copy of the application and the fingerprints of the signers;

(3) Conduct such further investigation as he shall deem necessary to determine the competence and fitness of the applicant.

Subd. 2. It shall be the duty of the bureau of criminal apprehension to compare such fingerprints with state criminal identification records, to conduct a sufficient investigation of the persons signing such application so as to determine their competence, character and fitness for such a license, and to report his findings to the commissioner. If within 20 days of such posting no person has objected in writing to the commissioner to the issuance of such license, if it shall appear that the statements in the application are true, and if it shall appear from the investigations of the bureau of criminal apprehension and the commissioner that the applicant is qualified for such license; then the commissioner shall issue a license to such applicant.

Subd. 3. Any such license so issued shall be in a form to be prescribed by the commissioner, shall specify the full name of the applicant, the registered address of the office or agency for which issued, the date on which it is issued, the date on which it will expire, and shall be kept conspicuously posted in the office or place of business of the licensee for whom issued.

Subd. 4. The license granted pursuant to this section shall expire after a period of two years, and may be renewed by the commissioner so long as the applicant remains qualified. Application for renewal shall be made by the licensee on a form prescribed by the commissioner, shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25 for private detective or \$12.50 for protective agent and a surety bond equivalent to that re-

quired by section 326.333, and shall be filed with the commissioner before the date of expiration of the previously issued license.

Subd. 5. If a licensee moves his office or agency to an address other than that described in the license certificate, he shall, within 24 hours immediately following such move, send his license certificate, together with written notice to the commissioner, which notice shall describe the premises to which such move is made and the date on which it was made. Upon receipt of such certificate and notice the commissioner shall endorse on the face thereof the date of such change and the new registered address of such office or agency, and shall return the certificate to the licensee.

Subd. 6. In the case of a corporate licensee, due notice of the death, resignation or removal of any person who has signed the application shall forthwith be given to the commissioner, together with a copy of the minutes of any meeting of the board of directors indicating the death, resignation or removal of such person, and the election or designation of the successor thereof.

Subd. 7. Every license certificate shall be surrendered to the commissioner within 72 hours after its term shall have expired or after notice in writing to the holder that such license has been revoked.

Subd. 8. Every license issued prior to the passage of Laws 1957, Chapter 774, shall expire on December 31, 1958, but may be renewed in accordance with the provisions of this section; provided, that the holder of such a license shall have within six months after the passage of Laws 1957, Chapter 774, furnished the commissioner with the information and material required by sections 326.332 and 326.333.

[1945 c 130 s 5; 1955 c 820 s 33; 1957 c 774 s 4; 1959 c 317 s 3, 4; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3; 1969 c 1148 s 61, 62]

**326.335 OBJECTIONS; NOTICE TO APPLICANT; HEARING.** If any person shall make timely and particular objection to the issuance of a license to any applicant upon the ground that such applicant is not a qualified person to hold a license or has made false statements in the application, or shall complain in writing with particularity to the commissioner of public safety that any licensee has not observed the provisions of sections 326.331 to 326.339 or any other law of Minnesota, or has ceased to be a qualified person, then the commissioner shall, within five days, notify such applicant or such licensee of such objection or such complaint, and shall promptly, at a place and time to be appointed by him, hold a hearing to determine whether the allegations of such objection or complaint be true. Such hearing shall be public and be had upon the testimony of witnesses under oath, and the commissioner shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence by application to any district court for subpoena ad testificandum or subpoena duces tecum, and to receive testimony by deposition taken by stipulation or pursuant to a commission which may be issued by any district court as in civil actions. If the averments of the objection or of the complaint be supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence presented at such hearing, the commissioner shall make findings of fact and, as the case may be, deny the application, or revoke the license or suspend it for a period not in excess of one year, and unless the objection or complaint be so supported he shall, as the case may be, issue the license or dismiss the complaint. An appeal upon the law and facts from any finding or determination of the commissioner may be taken within 20 days by any person aggrieved thereby to the district court of Ramsey county, and such court shall review the finding or determination de novo, and reverse, affirm, or modify it as the evidence before it may require.

[1945 c 130 s 6; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3]

**326.336 EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES.** No licensee shall knowingly employ any person not qualified to hold a license. No person shall be employed by any licensee until he shall have executed under oath and furnished such licensee a statement setting forth his full name, age and residence, the business or occupation in which he has been engaged for the three years immediately preceding, disclosing the place or places of such business or occupation and the name or names of his employers and showing that he has never been convicted of a felony or of any offense disqualifying him from holding a license under sections 326.331 to 326.339, and setting forth such further information as the commissioner may by rule require to show the good character, competency and integrity of the person executing the statement. No employee of any licensee shall divulge to any-

one other than his employer, or as his employer shall direct, except as he may be required by law, any information acquired by him during such employment in respect of any matter or investigation undertaken or done by such employer. Any such employee who shall make any false statement in his employment statement or who shall violate the provisions of this section, or who shall wilfully make a false report to his employer in respect of any matter in the course of his employer's business shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Each employee of a license holder shall have in his possession an identification card bearing his name, picture, employer, signature, and such other information as the license holder issuing the identification card cares to include. No identification card shall contain the word "police" or any other marking indicating the holder is a member of a police department or peace officer.

[1945 c 130 s 7; 1959 c 317 s 5; 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3]

**326.337 VIOLATIONS.** It is unlawful for the holder of a license knowingly to commit any of the following acts within or without the state of Minnesota: To incite, encourage, or aid in the incitement or encouragement of any person who has become a party to any strike to do unlawful acts or to incite, stir up, create, or aid in the inciting of discontent or dissatisfaction among the employees of any person, firm, or corporation with the intention of having them strike; to interfere with or prevent lawful and peaceful picketing during strikes; to interfere with, restrain or coerce employees in the exercise of their right to form, join, or assist any labor organization of their own choosing; to interfere with or hinder the lawful or peaceful collective bargaining between employees and employers; to pay, offer or give any money, gratuity, favor, consideration, or other thing of value, directly or indirectly, to any person for any verbal or written report of the lawful activities of employees in the exercise of their right of self-organization and their right to form, join, or assist labor organizations and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing; to advertise for, recruit, furnish or replace, or offer to furnish or replace, for hire or reward, within or without Minnesota, any help or labor, skilled or unskilled, or to furnish or offer to furnish armed guards, other than armed guards regularly employed for the protection of payrolls, property, or premises, for service upon property which is being operated in anticipation of or during the course or existence of a strike, or furnish armed guards upon the highways, for persons involved in labor disputes, or to furnish or offer to furnish to employers or their agents any arms, munitions, tear gas implements, or any other weapons; to use in any manner the word "police" on any vehicle, badge, emblem, stationery, advertising of any private detective or protective agent as defined in section 326.338 and no vehicle, emblem, or badge shall be designed or worn as imitative of any such vehicle, emblem, or badge used by a police department, highway patrol, or peace officer, or to send letters or literature to employers offering to eliminate labor unions, or distribute or circulate any list of members of a labor organization, or to advise any person of the membership of an individual in a labor organization for the express purpose of preventing those so listed or named from obtaining or retaining employment. The violation of any of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or one year's imprisonment or both. It is unlawful for the holder of a license to collect or offer or attempt to collect or directly or indirectly to engage in a business of collecting of debts or claims of any kind, excepting recovery for the payee of money described in a dishonored check given for goods, money, or services furnished by the payee, and excepting, that the repossession of property in the temporary possession of defaulting purchasers of conditional sale agreements or under other circumstances by which title to said property has not been transferred to the temporary possessor shall not be considered a violation of this section.

[1945 c 130 s 8; 1959 c 317 s 6]

**326.338 PERSONS ENGAGED AS PRIVATE DETECTIVES OR PROTECTIVE AGENTS.** Subdivision 1. Persons who for fee or reward or any consideration shall engage in the business of investigators, or who for fee, reward or any consideration shall make investigations for the purpose of obtaining information for others with respect to any of the following matters: Crime or wrongs done or threatened against the government of the United States or of any state or municipal subdivision thereof; the identity, habits, conduct, movements, whereabouts, affiliations, transactions, reputation or character of any person or organization; the credibility

of witnesses or other persons; the whereabouts of missing persons; the location or recovery of lost or stolen property; the origin of and responsibility for libels, losses, accidents, or damage or injuries to real or personal property; the affiliation, connection or relation of any person, firm, or corporation with any organization, society or association, or with any official, representative or member thereof; the conduct, honesty, efficiency, loyalty or activities of employees or persons seeking employment, agents, contractors and subcontractors; the evidence to be used before any authorized investigating committee, board of award, board of arbitration, administrative body or officer or in the trial of civil or criminal cases; or the identification or apprehension of persons suspected of crimes or misdemeanors shall be deemed engaged in the business of private detective.

Subd. 2. Any person who shall furnish, for hire or reward, watchmen or guards or private patrolmen or other persons to protect other persons or their property or to prevent the theft, unlawful taking of goods, merchandise or money, or to prevent the misappropriation or concealment of goods, merchandise, money, choses in action, or other valuable things, or to procure the return thereof; shall be deemed engaged in the business of protective agent, provided that no person engaged exclusively in making investigations and reports respecting the financial rating and credit responsibility of persons or corporations engaged in business, or respecting financial rating, credit responsibility and character of applicants for insurance, indemnity bonds or commercial credit, shall be deemed engaged in such business or that of private detective, nor shall any employee or peace officer of the United States or of this or any state while in the discharge of his official duties, nor any attorney at law engaged in the discharge of his professional duties, nor any full-time employee making investigations respecting pending or possible claims against his employer be deemed engaged in such business. A licensed private detective may perform those duties attributable to a protective agent without obtaining any additional license.

[1945 c 130 s 9; 1959 c 317 s 7]

**326.339 VIOLATION A GROSS MISDEMEANOR.** Any violation of any provision or requirement of sections 326.331. to 326.339 not otherwise punishable shall be deemed a gross misdemeanor.

[1945 c. 130 s. 10]

**326.34-326.36** [Repealed, 1945 c 130 s 1]

## PLUMBERS

**326.37 PLUMBERS; SUPERVISION BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.** The state board of health may, by regulation, prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform, and which standards shall thereafter be effective for all new plumbing installations, including additions, extensions, alterations, and replacements connected with any water or sewage disposal system owned or operated by or for any municipality, institution, factory, office building, hotel, apartment building, or any other place of business regardless of location or the population of the city, village, or town in which located. Such regulations, upon approval of the attorney general and their legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof shall constitute a misdemeanor.

The board shall administer the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45 and for such purposes may employ plumbing inspectors and other assistants.

[1933 c. 349 s. 1; 1937 c. 370 s. 1] (5887-19)

**326.38 LOCAL REGULATIONS.** Any city or village having a system of water-works or sewerage, or any town in which reside over 5,000 people exclusive of any villages located therein, may, by ordinance, adopt local regulations providing for plumbing permits, bonds, approval of plans, and inspections of plumbing, which regulations are not in conflict with the plumbing standards on the same subject prescribed by the state board of health. No city or village or such town shall prohibit plumbers licensed by the state board of health from engaging in or working at the business, except cities and villages which, prior to April 21, 1933, by ordinance required the licensing of plumbers. Any city or village by ordinance may prescribe regulations, reasonable standards, and inspections and grant permits to any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of installing water softeners, who is not licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber by the state board of health, to connect water softening and water filtering equipment to private resi-

dence water distribution systems, where provision has been previously made therefor and openings left for that purpose or by use of cold water connections to a domestic water heater; where it is not necessary to rearrange, make any extension or alteration of, or addition to any pipe, fixture or plumbing connected with the water system except to connect the water softener, and provided the connections so made comply with minimum standards prescribed by the state board of health.

[1933 c 349 s 2; 1937 c 370 s 2; 1941 c 367 s 1; 1953 c 166 s 1; 1957 c 921 s 1] (5887-20)

### **326.39 VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.**

Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance of such plumbing permits and approval of such plans shall report to the state board of health persistent or wilful violation of the same and any incompetence of a licensed plumber observed by the local authority.

[1933 c. 349 s. 3] (5887-21)

**326.40 PLUMBERS MUST BE LICENSED IN CERTAIN CITIES OR VILLAGES; MASTER AND JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS; PLUMBING ON ONE'S OWN PREMISES; RULES FOR EXAMINATION.** In any city or village now or hereafter having 5,000 or more population, according to the last federal or state census, and having a system of waterworks or sewerage, no person, firm, or corporation shall engage in or work at the business of a master plumber or journeyman plumber unless licensed to do so by the state board of health. A master plumber may also work as a journeyman plumber. Anyone not so licensed may do plumbing work which complies with the provisions of the minimum standard prescribed by the state board of health on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by him as his residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

In any such city or village no person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of installing plumbing nor install plumbing in connection with the dealing in and selling of plumbing material and supplies unless at all times a licensed master plumber, who shall be responsible for proper installation, is in charge of the plumbing work of such person, firm, or corporation.

The state board of health shall prescribe rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith, for the examination and licensing of plumbers.

[1933 c. 349 s. 4; 1937 c. 370 s. 3; 1941 c. 367 s. 2] (5887-22)

**326.41 EXAMINERS.** The state board of health shall appoint three examiners, of whom one shall be a practical master plumber, one a practical journeyman plumber, and one a representative of the board, to be known as the plumbing examiners. Such master plumber and such journeyman plumber shall each receive his expenses and such sum per diem for each day actually engaged in duties connected with the carrying out of the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45 as the board shall fix by its order.

[1933 c. 349 s. 6] (5887-24)

**326.42 APPLICATIONS.** Applications for plumber's license shall be made to the state board of health, with fee. Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal, he shall be licensed by the state board of health only after passing a satisfactory examination by the examiners showing fitness. Examination fees for both journeyman and master plumbers shall be \$5. Upon being notified that he has successfully passed the examination for original license the applicant shall submit an application, with the license fee herein provided. Annual license fees shall be \$5 for journeymen and \$25 for master plumbers but persons qualifying for license after June 30 of any year shall be issued a license for the remainder of the calendar year upon payment of one-half of the annual fee. Licenses shall expire December 31, but may be renewed upon application made the following January or February, but if in February only upon payment of an additional fee of \$1 for a journeyman and \$5 for a master plumber.

[1933 c 349 s 7; 1937 c 370 s 5; 1941 c 367 s 3; 1959 c 78 s 1] (5887-25)

**326.43 BOARD MAY REVOKE LICENSES.** The board may revoke any license obtained through error or fraud, or if the licensee is shown to be incompetent, and for a wilful violation of any of its rules and regulations, or of local ordinances applicable to such work, or of sections 326.37 to 326.45, or for knowingly aiding or abetting one to do plumbing work who is not properly licensed, or the employing



by a master plumber of an unlicensed person to do plumbing work in places where licenses are required. The licensee shall have notice in writing, enumerating the charges, and be entitled to a hearing by the board upon at least five days' notice, with the right to produce testimony. The board may appoint, in writing, any competent person to take testimony, who shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses. The decision of the board shall be based on the testimony and records. One year from the date of revocations application may be made for a new license.

[1933 c. 349 s. 8; 1937 c. 370 s. 6] (5887-26)

**326.44 FEES PAID TO STATE TREASURER.** All fees received under sections 326.37 to 326.45 shall be paid by the state board of health to the state treasurer, and an amount of moneys equal to the amount so paid over by the board to the treasurer is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45. The salaries of the necessary employees of the board and the per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses and all incidental expenses of the board in carrying out the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45, shall be paid, on order of the board, from such appropriation, but no expense or claim shall be incurred or paid in excess of the amount received from the fees herein provided.

[1933 c. 349 s. 10] (5887-28)

**326.45 STATE LICENSE; EXAMINATION; APPLICATION.** The provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45 which require state licenses to engage in the work or business of plumbing, and the provisions which provide for the examination of applicants for such licenses, shall only apply in cities, villages, or boroughs having a population of 5,000 or more.

[1933 c. 349 s. 11; 1937 c. 370 s. 7] (5887-29)

#### STEAMFITTERS

**326.46 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO SUPERVISE STEAM PIPING.** The department of labor and industry shall supervise all high pressure steam piping in connection with all building in this state and may prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform.

The department shall employ inspectors and other assistants to carry out the provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52.

[1937 c 367 s 2; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30a)

**326.47 CITY OR VILLAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION; PERMIT.** Any city or village may, by ordinance, prescribe rules and regulations for materials, construction, and inspection of high pressure steamfitting and provide that it shall not be installed in any building except in accordance with plans approved or provided in the ordinances, and that no steamfitting shall be done except minor repairs upon prescribed conditions.

Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance of such steamfitting permits and such approved plans shall report to the department of labor and industry persistent or wilful violations of the same and any incompetency of a licensed steamfitter observed by such local authority.

[1937 c 367 ss 3, 4; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30b, 5887-30c)

**326.48 STEAMFITTERS MUST BE LICENSED.** No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in or work at the business of a contracting steamfitter or journeyman steamfitter unless licensed to do so by the department of labor and industry. No license shall be required for minor repairs on existing installations, provided such repairs shall be made in compliance with the prescribed minimum standards of the department of labor and industry. A contracting steamfitter may also work as a journeyman steamfitter.

No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of installing high pressure steam piping, nor install high pressure steam piping in connection with the dealing in and selling of high pressure steam material and supplies, unless, at all times, a licensed steamfitter, who shall be responsible for proper installation, is in charge of the high pressure steamfitting work of such person, firm, or corporation.

The department of labor and industry shall prescribe rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith, for the examination and licensing of steamfitting.

[1937 c.367 s 5; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30d)

**326.49 EXAMINERS.** The department of labor and industry shall appoint three examiners, of whom one shall be a practical contracting steamfitter, one a practical journeyman steamfitter, and one a member or employee of the department, to be known as the steamfitting examiners. Each examiner, except the regular employee or the secretary of the department, shall receive his expenses and such sum per diem for each day actually engaged as the department shall fix by its order.

[1937 c 367 s 7; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30f)

**326.50 APPLICATION; FEES.** Application for a steamfitter's license shall be made to the department of labor and industry, with fees. Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal, he shall be licensed only after passing a satisfactory examination by the examiners showing fitness. Fees for journeymen shall be \$10 for examination and \$4 for renewal, and for contracting master steamfitters \$40 for examination and \$30 for renewal. Licenses shall expire December 31, but may be renewed upon application made the following January or February; but, if in February, only upon payment of an additional fee of \$2 for a journeyman and \$10 for a contracting master steamfitter.

[1937 c 367 s 8; 1951 c 119 s 1; 1959 c 134 s 1; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30g)

**326.51 DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE LICENSES.** The department may revoke any license obtained through error or fraud, or if the licensee is shown to be incompetent, or for a second wilful violation of any of its rules and regulations applicable to such work. The licensee shall have notice, in writing, enumerating the charges, and be entitled to a hearing by the commissioner on at least five days' notice, with the right to produce testimony. The commissioner may appoint, in writing, any competent person to take testimony, who shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses. The decision of the commissioner shall be based on the testimony and records. One year from the date of revocation application may be made for a new license.

[1937 c 367 s 9; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30h)

**326.52 FEE PAID TO STATE TREASURER.** All fees received under sections 326.46 to 326.52 shall be paid by the department of labor and industry to the state treasurer, and an amount of money equal to the amount so paid over by the department to the treasurer is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the department for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52. The salaries and per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses, and all incidental expenses of the department in carrying out the provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52 shall be paid on order of the department from such appropriation, but no expense or claim shall be incurred or paid in excess of the amount received from the fees herein provided.

[1937 c 367 s 11; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5887-30j)

#### MOTION PICTURE FILM EXHIBITORS

**326.523 LICENSE PROVISIONS; DISTRIBUTION; CANCELATION.** No distributor shall hereafter license feature motion picture films to an exhibitor to be exhibited, shown or performed in this state unless the license provides:

(1) That all the feature motion picture films, which such distributor will license during the exhibition season, or the unexpired portion thereof, shall be included: the term "all the feature motion picture films" applies to each producer for whom the distributor is acting; and

(2) That the exhibitor shall have the right to cancel a minimum of 20 percent of the total number of feature motion pictures included in such license where the exhibitor deems the same injurious and damaging to his business or offensive on moral, religious, or racial grounds.

The cancellation shall be made proportionately among the several price brackets, if there be such price brackets in the license agreement. Any number of cancellation to which an exhibitor is entitled, may be made the lowest price bracket at the exhibitor's option.

The right to cancellation shall not be effective, unless the exhibitor exercises such right by giving notice thereof, to the distributor, by registered mail, within 15 days after being notified of the availability of a feature motion picture. In determining the number of feature motion pictures that may be canceled, fractions

of one-half or more shall be counted as one and fractions of less than one-half shall not be counted.

[1941 c. 460 s. 2]

**326.524 LICENSES MAY NOT CONTAIN CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.** No distributor shall license feature motion picture films to an exhibitor to be exhibited, shown, or performed in this state, upon the condition that the exhibitor must also license short subjects, newsreels, trailers, serials, re-issue, foreign, and western motion picture films.

[1941 c. 460 s. 3]

**326.525 LICENSES, WHEN VOID.** Any provision of any license hereafter made and entered into which is contrary to any provisions of sections 326.523 to 326.526 and 326.01, subdivisions 14 to 19, is hereby declared to be against public policy and void.

[1941 c. 460 s. 4]

**326.526 APPLICATION OF SECTIONS 326.523 to 326.526.** The provisions of sections 326.523 to 326.526 and 326.01, subdivisions 14 to 19, shall not apply to the licensing of motion picture films to any school, college, university, church, or any educational, fraternal, or religious organizations in this state.

[1941 c. 460 s. 7]

**326.53 VIOLATIONS; PENALTY PROVISIONS.** Subdivision 1. (1) Any violation of the provisions of sections 326.02 to 326.23 shall be a gross misdemeanor.

(2) Every person violating any of the provisions of sections 326.523 to 326.526, or assisting in such violation, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or, in default of the payment of such fine, by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year. In the case of a corporation, the violation of these sections shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors, officers, or agents of such corporation who have assisted in such violation, or who have authorized, ordered, or done the acts or omissions constituting, in whole or in part, such violation; and, upon conviction thereof, any such directors, officers, or agents shall be punished by fine or imprisonment as herein provided.

Subd. 2. (1) Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45 or who shall willfully make any false representations to the board of health in applying for a license or permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52 or who shall willfully make any false representation to the department of labor and industry in applying for a license or permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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.

[1907 c 457 s 7; 1909 c 439 s 8; 1921 c 523 s 12; 1933 c 349 s 9; 1933 c 404 s 3; 1937 c 367 s 10; 1941 c 460 s 5; 1943 c 474 s 9; 1945 c 380 s 9; 1961 c 753 s 1; Ex1967 c 1 s 6] (5697-12, 5705, 5886, 5887-27, 5887-30i)

#### WATCHMAKERS

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

[1943 c 474 s 2; 1961 c 753 s 2]

**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 \$25 for time spent in the performance of his duties but not to exceed in one year the total sum of \$750; also they shall be paid mileage of 7½ 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 \$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 appoint 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.

[1943 c 474 s 3; 1947 c 620 s 1; 1961 c 753 s 3]

**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 \$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.

[1943 c 474 s 4; 1947 c 620 s 2; 1961 c 753 s 4]

**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 \$10.

[1943 c 474 s 5; 1961 c 753 s 5]

**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 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 \$25.

(3) Licenses of registration shall expire on May 1 of each year and must be renewed within 30 days for one year upon payment of a fee of \$15, or less at the discretion of the board. If such license of registration is not renewed on or before June 30 of the year in which issued, such registrant may be required to pay a penalty of \$2 in addition to the renewal fee. Application may be made for renewal after the fifteenth day of March of each year.

(4) The board shall issue a temporary 60 day certificate upon payment of a fee of \$2.

[1943 c 474 s 6; 1947 c 620 s 3; 1961 c 753 s 6]

**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 \$3 annually.

[1943 c 474 s 7; 1961 c 753 s 7]

**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 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, performance of any work upon a watch 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, or non-compliance, within 30 days, with the directions given in a written notice from the board to terminate employment with any person who is violating the provisions of Laws 1943, Chapter 474.**

[1943 c 474 s 8; 1961 c 753 s 8]

## MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

**326.55 NONPAYMENT OF LICENSE FEES.** Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

(1) "Employment essential to the prosecution of the present war and to the national defense" means employment by the United States of America, any of its agencies, or any contractor under the United States of America, or subcontractor under such contractor, in work connected with the prosecution of the present war or for the defense of the United States of America and others of the United Nations during such war.

(2) "Outside of the United States" means outside of the territorial limits of the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia.

Subd. 2. **Members of armed forces need not pay license fees.** Any person required by law to be licensed or registered in order to carry on or practice a trade, employment, occupation or profession in the State of Minnesota who is also required by law to renew his license or certificate of registration at stated intervals and to pay a fee for such renewal on or before a specified date, or be subject to revocation of his license or certificate or other penalties, who has since the

enactment by the Congress of the United States of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 entered, or shall hereafter enter, the armed forces of the United States of America, or who has since the enactment of said act been engaged, or shall hereafter be engaged, in employment, outside of the United States, essential to the prosecution of the present war and to the national defense, whose license or certificate of registration was effective at the time he entered the armed forces or engaged in the employment aforesaid, is hereby exempted from the payment of all renewal fees and from the filing of any application for renewal, which but for this act would have been required of him as a condition of the renewal of his license or certificate, during the time he has been in such armed forces or in such employment, and from any penalties for nonpayment or late payment, and is hereby exempted from further payment of such renewal fees and from the making of any application for renewal during the period he shall remain in such armed forces or is engaged in such employment, and for a further period of six months from his discharge from the armed forces, if a member thereof, or from the date of his return within the boundaries of the United States if engaged in the employment hereinbefore referred to. His license or certificate in the meantime shall remain in full force and effect, and if it has been cancelled or revoked since the date of the enactment of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 solely on the ground of nonpayment of renewal fees, or failure to apply for a renewal, it shall be reinstated upon the application of the licensee or registrant or any one on his behalf without the payment of any penalties or costs. Any such person may within six months from the date of his release from the armed forces of the United States, if he has been a member of such armed forces, or from the date of his return within the boundaries of the United States if he has been engaged in employment hereinbefore referred to, make application for a renewal of his license or certificate without penalty and in the same manner as if he had made application therefor at the time or times specified by existing laws.

[1943 c 121; 1965 c 45 s 52]

**326.56 LICENSES, CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION; RENEWALS.** Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section the terms defined in this subdivision shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

(1) "Employment essential to the prosecution of any war and to the national defense" means employment by the United States of America, any of its agencies, or any contractor under the United States of America, or subcontractor under such contractor, in work connected with the prosecution of war or for the defense of the United States of America and others of the United Nations during war.

(2) "Outside of the United States" means outside of the territorial limits of the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia.

Subd. 2. **Trade licenses or registrations, renewals; exemption of members of armed forces.** Any person required by law to be licensed or registered in order to carry on or practice a trade, employment, occupation or profession in the State of Minnesota who is also required by law to renew his license or certificate of registration at stated intervals and to pay a fee for such renewal on or before a specified date, or be subject to revocation of his license or certificate or other penalties, who has since the enactment by the Congress of the United States of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 entered, or shall hereafter enter, the armed forces of the United States of America, or who has since the enactment of said act been engaged, or shall hereafter be engaged, in employment, outside of the United States, essential to the prosecution of any war or to the national defense, whose license or certificate of registration was effective at the time he entered the armed forces or engaged in the employment aforesaid, is hereby exempted from the payment of all renewal fees and from the filing of any application for renewal, which but for this section would have been required of him as a condition of the renewal of his license or certificate, during the time he has been in such armed forces or in such employment, and from any penalties for nonpayment or late payment, and is hereby exempted from further payment of such renewal fees and from the making of any application for renewal during the period he shall remain in such armed forces or is engaged in such employment, and for a further period of six months from his discharge from the armed forces, if a member thereof, or from the date of his return within the boundaries of the United States if engaged in the employment hereinbefore referred to. His license or certificate in the meantime shall remain in full force and effect, and if it has been canceled or revoked since the date of the enactment of the selective

service and training act of 1940 solely on the ground of nonpayment of renewal fees, or failure to apply for a renewal, it shall be reinstated upon the application of the licensee or registrant or any one on his behalf without the payment of any penalties or costs. Any such person may within six months from the date of his release from the armed forces of the United States, if he has been a member of such armed forces, or from the date of his return within the boundaries of the United States if he has been engaged in employment hereinbefore referred to, make application for a renewal of his license or certificate without penalty and in the same manner as if he had made application therefor at the time or time specified by existing laws.

[1951 c 301 s 1, 2; 1965 c 45 s 53]

#### WATER CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLERS

**326.57 WATER CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLERS; SUPERVISION BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.** Subdivision 1. The state board of health shall, by regulation, prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform, and which standards shall thereafter be effective for all new water conditioning servicing and water conditioning installations, including additions, extensions, alterations, and replacements connected with any water or sewage disposal system owned or operated by or for any municipality, institution, factory, office building, hotel, apartment building or any other place of business, regardless of location or the population of the city, county, village, borough, or town in which located. Such regulations, upon approval of the attorney general and their legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof shall constitute a misdemeanor and may be enjoined by the attorney general.

Subd. 2. The board shall administer the provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.66 and for such purposes may employ water conditioning inspectors and other assistants.

[1969 c 898 s 1]

**326.58 LOCAL REGULATIONS.** Any city, village, borough, or town with a population of 5,000 or more persons may, by ordinance, adopt local regulations providing for water conditioning permits, bonds, approval of plans, and inspections of water conditioning installations and servicing, which regulations shall not be in conflict with the water conditioning standards on the same subject prescribed by the state board of health. No such city, village, borough, or town shall prohibit water conditioning contractors or installers licensed by the state board of health from engaging in or working at the business.

[1969 c 898 s 2]

**326.59 VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.** Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance of such water conditioning installation and servicing permits and approval of such plans shall report to the state board of health persistent or wilful violations of the same and any incompetence of a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water conditioning installer observed by the local authority.

[1969 c 898 s 3]

**326.60 WATER CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLERS MUST BE LICENSED IN CERTAIN CITIES OR VILLAGES.** Subdivision 1. In any city, village, borough, or town now or hereafter having a population of 5,000 or more according to the last federal or state census, no person, firm, or corporation shall engage in or work at the business of water conditioning installation or servicing after January 1, 1970, unless (a) at all times a person licensed as a water conditioning contractor by the state board of health shall be responsible for the proper water conditioning installation and servicing work of such person, firm, or corporation, and (b) all installations, other than exchanges of portable equipment, are actually made by a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water conditioning installer. Anyone not so licensed may do water conditioning work which complies with the provisions of the minimum standard prescribed by the state board of health on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by him as his residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

Subd. 2. A water conditioning contractor license shall be issued only to a person who has demonstrated skill in planning, superintending, and servicing water conditioning installations. A water conditioning installer license shall only be issued to a person other than a water conditioning contractor who has demonstrated practical knowledge of water conditioning installation.

Subd. 3. The state board of health shall:

- (a) Prescribe rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith, for the licensing of water conditioning contractors and installers;
- (b) License water conditioning contractors and installers;
- (c) Prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith for the examining of water conditioning contractors and installers prior to first granting a license as a water conditioning contractor or water conditioning installer; and
- (d) Collect an examination fee of \$25 from each examinee for a license as a water conditioning contractor and a fee of \$10 from each examinee for a license as a water conditioning installer. A water conditioning installer must successfully pass the examination for water conditioning contractors before being licensed as a water conditioning contractor.

[1969 c 898 s 4]

**326.61 DEFINITION OF WATER CONDITIONING INSTALLATION.** Subdivision 1. "Water conditioning installation" as used in sections 326.57 to 326.66 means the installation of appliances, appurtenances, and fixtures designed to treat water so as to alter, modify, add or remove mineral, chemical or bacterial content, said installation to be made in a water distribution system serving a single family residential unit, which has been initially established by a licensed plumber, and does not involve a direct connection without an air gap to a soil or waste pipe.

Subd. 2. "Water conditioning servicing" as used in sections 326.57 to 326.66 means the servicing (including servicing prior to installation) of a water conditioning installation.

Subd. 3. In order to provide effective protection of the public health, the state board of health may by regulation prescribe limitations on the nature of alteration to, extension of, or connection with, the said water distribution system initially established by a licensed plumber which may be performed by a person licensed hereunder, and may by regulation in appropriate instances require filing of plans, blueprints and specifications prior to commencement of installation. Such regulations, upon approval of the attorney general and their legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof shall constitute a misdemeanor. The installation of water heaters shall not constitute water conditioning installation and consequently such work shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45.

Subd. 4. "Single family residential unit" as used in sections 326.57 to 326.66 means a building or portion thereof which is arranged, designed, used or intended to be used for residential occupancy by one family, but not including a motel, hotel or rooming house.

[1969 c 898 s 5]

**326.62 APPLICATIONS.** Applications for water conditioning contractor's or installer's licenses shall be made to the state board of health with the fee prescribed herein. The annual license fee for a water conditioning contractor shall be \$25 and for an installer \$10. A person qualifying for a license after June 30 of any year shall be issued a license for the remainder of the calendar year upon payment of one half of the annual fee. Licenses shall expire December 31, but may be renewed upon application made the following January or February, but if in February only upon payment of an additional fee of \$5.

[1969 c 898 s 6]

**326.63 BOARD MAY REVOKE LICENSES.** The board may revoke any license if the license has been obtained through error or fraud, or if the licensee is shown to be incompetent, or has committed a wilful violation of any of the board's rules and regulations or any local ordinances applicable to such work, or if the licensee has violated the provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.66 or if the licensee has knowingly aided or abetted any person who is not properly licensed to offer or furnish water conditioning installation work. Prior to such revocation, the licensee shall have notice in writing, enumerating the charges, and be entitled to a hearing by the board upon at least five days' notice, with the right to produce testimony. The board may appoint, in writing, any competent person to take testimony, and such person shall have the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses. The decision of the board shall be based on the testimony and records thereof. Application may be made for a new license at any time after



one year from the date of revocation of a license, and such new license may be granted by the board.

[1969 c 898 s 7]

**326.64 FEES PAID TO STATE TREASURER.** All fees received under sections 326.57 to 326.66 shall be paid by the state board of health to the state treasurer and the amount thereof is appropriated annually out of any money in the state treasury to the board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.66. The salaries of the necessary employees of the board and the per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses and the incidental expenses of the board in carrying out the provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.66 shall be paid, on order of the board, from such appropriation.

[1969 c 898 s 8]

**326.65 STATE LICENSE; EXAMINATION; APPLICATION; EXEMPTION.** The provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.66 which require the obtaining of licenses to engage in the work or business of water conditioning installation, and the provisions which provide for the examination of applicants for such licenses, shall only apply to work accomplished in cities, villages, boroughs, or towns having populations of 5,000 or more and shall not apply to master plumbers and journeymen plumbers licensed under the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45.

[1969 c 898 s 9]

**326.66 WATER CONDITIONING ADVISORY BOARD.** A water conditioning advisory board of nine members may be appointed by the state board of health to assist in the establishment of rules, regulations, and standards for water conditioning installation and servicing. This board shall consist of at least three members who are actively engaged as water conditioning contractors and the terms, removal, duties, and powers of such board shall be in accordance with such rules and regulations as the state board of health may prescribe.

[1969 c 898 s 10]