

CHAPTER 299M

FIRE PROTECTION INDUSTRY LICENSING

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299M.01 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 8, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 8a. **Multipurpose potable water piping system contractor.** "Multipurpose potable water piping system contractor" means a person who contracts to sell, design, install, modify, or inspect a multipurpose potable water piping system, its parts, or related equipment.

Subd. 8b. **Multipurpose potable water piping system.** "Multipurpose potable water piping system" means a potable water piping system that is intended to serve both domestic and fire protection needs throughout a one- or two-family dwelling unit. No person may install a multipurpose potable water piping system unless that person is licensed pursuant to section 326.40 and is certified pursuant to section 299M.03.

Subd. 8c. **Multipurpose potable water piping system installer.** "Multipurpose potable water piping system installer" means a person who is certified as competent to engage in installing, connecting, altering, repairing, or adding to a residential multipurpose potable water piping system in a one- or two-family dwelling unit.

[For text of subd 9, see M.S.2002]

History: 1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 14-16

NOTE: Subdivisions 8a, 8b, and 8c, as added by Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, sections 14, 15, and 16, are effective July 1, 2004. Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, sections 14, 15, and 16, the effective dates.

299M.03 LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 1a. **Multipurpose potable water piping system contractor license.** Except for residential installations by the owner-occupant of a one- or two-family dwelling, a person may not sell, design, install, modify, or inspect a multipurpose potable water piping system, its parts, or related equipment, or offer to do so, unless annually licensed to perform these duties as a multipurpose potable water piping system contractor. No license is required under this section for a person licensed as a professional engineer under section 326.03 who is competent in fire protection system design.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 3. **Multipurpose potable water piping system installer certificate.** Except for residential installations by the owner-occupant of a one- or two-family dwelling, a person may not install, connect, alter, repair, or add to a multipurpose potable water piping system, unless annually certified to perform these duties as a multipurpose potable water piping system installer. A multipurpose potable water piping system installer certificate only allows the certificate holder to work on one- and two-family residential units.

Subd. 4. **Certification fee; annual appropriation.** The state fire marshal shall charge \$55 to conduct and administer the journeyman sprinkler fitter certification process. Money received by the State Fire Marshal Division for the administration of this program must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a state fire marshal dedicated account in the special revenue fund. All money in the state fire

marshal account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety to administer this program.

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 17-19*

NOTE: Subdivisions 1a and 3, as added by Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, sections 17 and 18, are effective July 1, 2004. Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, sections 17 and 18, the effective dates.

299M.04 RULES, FEES, ORDERS, PENALTIES.

The commissioner shall adopt permanent rules for operation of the council; regulation by municipalities; qualifications, examination, and licensing of fire protection contractors; licensing of multipurpose potable water piping system contractors; certification of multipurpose potable water piping system installers; certification of journeyman sprinkler fitters; registration of apprentices; and the administration and enforcement of this chapter. Permit fees must be a percentage of the total cost of the fire protection work.

The commissioner may issue a cease and desist order to cease an activity considered an immediate risk to public health or public safety. The commissioner shall adopt permanent rules governing when an order may be issued; how long the order is effective; notice requirements; and other procedures and requirements necessary to implement, administer, and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

The commissioner, in place of or in addition to licensing sanctions allowed under this chapter, may impose a civil penalty not greater than \$1,000 for each violation of this chapter or rule adopted under this chapter, for each day of violation. The commissioner shall adopt permanent rules governing and establishing procedures for implementation, administration, and enforcement of this paragraph.

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 20*

NOTE: The amendment to this section by Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 20, is effective July 1, 2004. Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 20, the effective date.

299M.11 FEES.

Subdivision 1. Licensing fee. A person required to be licensed under section 299M.03, subdivision 1 or 1a, shall, before receipt of the license and before causing fire protection-related work or multipurpose potable water piping system work to be performed, pay the commissioner an annual license fee.

Subd. 2. Certification fee. Employees required to be certified under section 299M.03, subdivision 2 or 3, shall, before performing fire protection-related work or multipurpose potable water piping system work, pay the commissioner an annual certification fee.

[For text of subds 3 to 5, see M.S.2002]

History: *1Sp2003 c 2 art 4 s 21,22*

NOTE: The amendments to subdivisions 1 and 2, by Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, sections 21 and 22, are effective July 1, 2004. Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, sections 21 and 22, the effective dates.