

326B.55 LICENSING IN CERTAIN CITIES; QUALIFICATIONS; RULES.

Subdivision 1. **Licensing in certain cities.** In any city or town having a population of 5,000 or more according to the last federal census, no person shall engage in or work at the business of water conditioning installation or servicing after January 1, 1970, unless (1) at all times an individual licensed as a water conditioning contractor by the commissioner shall be responsible for the proper water conditioning installation and servicing work of such person, and (2) all installations, other than exchanges of portable equipment, are performed by a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water conditioning installer. Any individual not so licensed may perform water conditioning work that complies with the minimum standard prescribed by the commissioner on premises or that part of premises owned and occupied by the worker as a residence, unless otherwise prohibited by a local ordinance.

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

Subd. 3. **Rules.** The commissioner shall:

(1) prescribe rules, not inconsistent herewith, for the licensing of water conditioning contractors and installers;

(2) license water conditioning contractors and installers;

(3) prescribe rules 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

(4) collect an examination fee from each examinee for a license as a water conditioning contractor and an examination fee from each examinee for a license as a water conditioning installer in an amount set forth in section 326B.58. A water conditioning installer must successfully pass the examination for water conditioning contractors before being licensed as a water conditioning contractor.

History: 1969 c 898 s 4; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1974 c 471 s 16; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1980 c 487 s 11; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 2007 c 140 art 7 s 4,13; art 13 s 4