

326B.438 MEDICAL GAS SYSTEMS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given them.

(b) "Medical gas" means medical gas as defined under the National Fire Protection Association NFPA 99C Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems.

(c) "Medical gas system" means a level 1, 2, or 3 piped medical gas and vacuum system as defined under the National Fire Protection Association NFPA 99C Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems.

Subd. 2. **License and certification required.** A person shall not engage in the installation, maintenance, or repair of a medical gas system unless the person possesses a current Minnesota master or journeyman plumber's license and is certified by the commissioner under rules adopted by the Minnesota Plumbing Board. The certification must be renewed annually for as long as the certificate holder engages in the installation, maintenance, or repair of medical gas and vacuum systems. If a medical gas and vacuum system certificate is not renewed within 12 months after its expiration the medical gas and vacuum certificate is permanently forfeited.

Subd. 3. **Exemptions.** (a) A person who on August 1, 2010, holds a valid certificate authorized by the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) in accordance with standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association under NFPA 99C is exempt from the requirements of subdivision 2. This exemption applies only if the person maintains a valid certification authorized by the ASSE.

(b) A person who on August 1, 2010, possesses a current Minnesota master or journeyman plumber's license and a valid certificate authorized by the ASSE in accordance with standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association under NFPA 99C is exempt from the requirements of subdivision 2 and may install, maintain, and repair a medical gas system. This exemption applies only if a person maintains a valid Minnesota master or journeyman plumber's license and valid certification authorized by the ASSE.

Subd. 4. **Fees.** The fee for a medical gas certificate issued by the commissioner according to subdivision 2 is \$30 per year.

History: 2010 c 183 s 8; 2010 c 280 s 39

NOTE: This section is effective August 1, 2010, except that the requirement under subdivision 2 that a master or journeyman plumber must be certified by the Minnesota Plumbing Board and the fee in subdivision 4 are not effective until 180 days after the board adopts rules. Laws 2010, chapter 183, section 8, the effective date, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter 280, section 39.