CHAPTER 182A

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE AND SAFETY PROFESSION

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182A.01 SHORT TITLE.

This chapter may be cited as the Industrial Hygienist and Safety Professional Title Protection Act.

History: *1998 c 288 s 1*

182A.02 PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Industrial Hygienist and Safety Professional Title Protection Act is to provide legal recognition to the profession of industrial hygiene and safety, to assure the public that individuals representing themselves as industrial hygiene and safety professionals meet minimum qualifications, and to further public health and safety.

History: *1998 c 288 s 2*

182A.03 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Accredited college or university.** "Accredited college or university" means a college or university that is accredited by one of the following regional accrediting agencies: Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or Western Association of Colleges and Schools. A college or university that is located outside the United States is accredited if it is accredited by an agency within the jurisdiction of the college or university that has accreditation standards that are at least equal to the standards of the regional accrediting agencies.

Subd. 3. **American Board of Industrial Hygiene or ABIH.** "American Board of Industrial Hygiene" or "ABIH" is the nonprofit corporation established to improve the practice and educational standards of the profession of industrial hygiene by certifying individuals who meet its education, experience, and examination requirements.

Subd. 4. **Associate safety professional or ASP.** "Associate safety professional" or "ASP" is an individual who has received the designation associate safety professional from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and whose recognition has not lapsed or been revoked.

Subd. 5. **Board of Certified Safety Professionals or BCSP.** "Board of Certified Safety Professionals" or "BCSP" is the nonprofit corporation established to improve the practice and education standards of the profession of safety by certifying individuals who meet its education, experience, examination, and maintenance requirements.

Subd. 6. **Certified industrial hygienist or CIH.** "Certified industrial hygienist" or "CIH" is an individual who has received the designation certified industrial hygienist from the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and whose certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

Subd. 7. **Certified safety professional or CSP.** "Certified safety professional" or "CSP" is an individual who has received the designation certified safety professional from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and whose certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

Subd. 8. **Construction health and safety technologist or CHST.** "Construction health and safety technologist" or "CHST" is an individual who has been designated a construction health and safety technologist through joint certification by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and whose certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

Subd. 9. **Industrial hygiene.** "Industrial hygiene" means the science and art devoted to control of those environmental factors and stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause sickness, impaired health and well-being, or significant discomfort and inefficiency among workers and the general community.

Subd. 10. **Industrial hygienist in training or IHIT.** "Industrial hygienist in training" or "IHIT" means an individual who has been designated industrial hygienist in training by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene whose designation has not lapsed or been revoked.

Subd. 11. **Occupational health and safety technologist or OHST.** "Occupational health and safety technologist" or "OHST" means an individual who has been designated an occupational health and safety technologist through joint certification by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and whose certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

Subd. 12. **Safety profession.** "Safety profession" means the science and art of hazard controls.

History: *1998 c 288 s 3*

182A.04 USE OF TITLE; INITIALS LIMITED.

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) A person may not use the title industrial hygienist in training, or the initials IHIT, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist in training, unless the person is an industrial hygienist in training as defined in section 182A.03.

(b) A person may not use the title certified industrial hygienist, or the initials CIH, or represent to the public that the person is a certified industrial hygienist, unless the person is a certified industrial hygienist as defined in section 182A.03.

(c) A person may not use the title certified safety professional, or the initials CSP, or represent to the public that the person is a certified safety professional, unless the person is a certified safety professional as defined in section 182A.03.

(d) A person may not use the title associate safety professional, or the initials ASP, or represent to the public that the person is an associate safety professional, unless the person is an associate safety professional as defined in section 182A.03.

(e) A person may not use the title construction health and safety technologist, or the initials CHST, or represent to the public that the person is a construction health and safety technologist, unless the person is a construction health and safety technologist as defined in section 182A.03.

Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 1 does not apply to:

(1) an individual employed as an apprentice under the supervision of a certified industrial hygienist, certified safety professional, associate safety professional, construction health and safety technologist, or occupational health and safety technologist;

(2) a student of industrial hygiene or safety engaging in supervised activities related to industrial hygiene or safety;

(3) a person engaged in activities permitted under a state or local license who does not use the title or initials of, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist in training, certified industrial hygienist, certified safety professional, associate safety professional, construction health and safety technologist, or occupational health and safety technologist; or

(4) a person practicing industrial hygiene or safety, who does not use the title or initials of, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist in training, certified industrial hygienist, certified safety professional, associate safety professional, construction health and safety technologist, or occupational health and safety technologist.

History: *1998 c 288 s 4*

182A.05 ENFORCEMENT; REMEDIES.

A violation of section 182A.04 is an unlawful practice under section 325F.69. A person who violates section 182A.04 is subject to the remedies provided in sections 325F.68 to 325F.70.

History: *1998 c 288 s 5*