

CHAPTER 496—S. F. No. 872

An act relating to licensing of electricians and amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.24.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.24, is amended to read:

326.24 Subdivision 1. Members; term; vacancies; officers; meetings. The state board of electricity shall consist of seven members, residents of the state, appointed by the governor, each for a term of five years, and until his successor qualifies, of whom 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 journeymen electricians, and one a consulting electrical engineer or electrical inspector of a city of the first class. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and from the same class from which the retiring member belonged. The board shall select from its members a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, prescribe rules for the management of its affairs, and adopt a seal. Each member shall receive \$25.00 per diem for time spent in performance of his duties, the actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties, and, in addition thereto, actual expenses for employees, rent, office supplies, postage, and printing as the board may allow; all to be paid out of the funds of the board. The board shall meet at least once a month and may meet at any other time at places designated by it, for the purpose of conducting examinations and transacting such other business necessary in the conduct of its affairs. The present board of electricity shall be continued, and the governor shall appoint new members, as designated herein, when the terms of the present members shall expire.

Subd. 2. Fees and report. All fees collected under the provisions of sections 326.24 to 326.32 shall be devoted to the uses of the state board of electricity and, on or before October 1 in each even numbered year, biennially, the board shall report to the governor, in writing, the items of its receipts and disbursements for the preceding two years. The state board of electricity shall have jurisdiction, and is hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of sections 326.24 to 326.32.

Subd. 3. Inspections. *Any electrical installation in any new construction or major remodeling or repair, except in cities of the first and second class and such other municipi-*

palities as have inspection similar to that herein provided, shall be inspected to assure the user of electricity that such installation is installed in compliance with approved standards of safety to life and property as herein defined. Such inspection may be made by an electrical representative regularly employed by the state board of electricity, or by any electrical inspector regularly engaged as such and certified by the state board of electricity with authority to make electrical inspections in a designated area. If such installation does not comply with the National Electrical Code, and he deems it to be hazardous to life or property, the inspector may condemn such installation or may order service thereto disconnected, and on such condemnation or order for disconnection for service shall send a copy of such order to the state board of electricity. This action shall be taken only after the owner of the premises has been duly notified, subject to the right of appeal within ten days from the date of the filing of the report with the board. An installation which has been condemned shall not be connected for service, or, if already connected and ordered disconnected, shall not be reconnected for service until it has been brought up to the required standards and proof thereof furnished to the state board of electricity. In addition to the supervision hereinbefore provided for, the board may make the original inspection when so requested and, in such event, may charge a fee sufficient to defray the cost of inspection to be paid by the person, firm, or corporation requesting the inspection.

Subd. 4. Licensing; grades and classifications of other states. To the extent that other states which provide for the licensing of electricians provide for similar action, the state board of electricity may grant licenses of the same grade or class to electricians licensed by other states, upon payment by the applicant of the required fee, after being furnished with proof that the qualifications of the applicant are equal to the qualifications of holders of similar licenses in Minnesota.

Subd. 5. Rules and regulations. The state board of electricity may promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for establishment and collection of fees for carrying out and enforcing the provisions for inspection services.

Sec. 2. [326.261] Temporary Class C Installer. *Subdivision 1.* A temporary "Class C Installer" classification is hereby created.

Subd. 2. The term "Class C Installer" means a person

having the necessary qualifications and knowledge to wire for and install major electrical home appliances on the load side of the service entrance equipment in accordance with the applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Sections 326.24 to 326.32.

Subd. 3. An applicant for a "Class C Installer" license shall certify by affidavit, subject to verification by the board of electricity, that he has had at least one year's experience in installing or repairing electrical wiring or, in lieu thereof, he shall furnish proof that he has completed a post high school course in electricity satisfactory to the board and he shall pay an examination fee of \$10.

Subd. 4. Every application for "Class C Installer" license who passes the examination shall pay an additional fee of \$5.00 before such license is issued, which fee shall keep his license in force for one year; and shall pay a renewal fee of \$5.00 each year.

Subd. 5. Upon qualifying for and receiving license as such, a Class C Installer may undertake to lay out, install and repair electrical wiring and apparatus for major electrical home appliances on the load side of the main service entrance equipment in homes in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 326.24 to 326.32 M. S. A.

Subd. 6. Every "Class C Installer" shall, before receiving license as such, give bond to the state in the penal sum of \$1,000, which bond shall be approved by, and filed with, the state board of electricity. This bond is to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of all work entered upon or contracted for by the Class C Installer.

Subd. 7. A "Class C Installer" shall be limited to performing the work described in this section in farm homes and villages under 1500 not contiguous to any city of the first class and which does not have an established business therein of a master electrician, or Class B master electrician as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 326.01, Subdivisions 2 and 6.

Subd. 8. The terms and provisions of this section shall terminate on July 1, 1961.

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