

mandate is effective and must end at 20 percent in the eighth year.

(b) The commissioner must require detailed proof of expenditures made solely to comply with the mandate.

Presented to the governor March 13, 2002

Became law without the governor's signature March 15, 2002

CHAPTER 245—H.F.No. 2612

An act relating to occupations; revising circumstances in which the signature of a licensed architect, licensed engineer, licensed land surveyor, licensed landscape architect, licensed geoscientist, or certified interior designer is required; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 326.12, subdivision 3.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 326.12, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CERTIFIED SIGNATURE.** Each plan, drawing, specification, plat, report, or other document which under sections 326.02 to 326.15 is prepared by a licensed architect, licensed engineer, licensed land surveyor, licensed landscape architect, licensed geoscientist, or certified interior designer must bear the signature of the licensed or certified person preparing it, or the signature of the licensed or certified person under whose direct supervision it was prepared. Each signature shall be accompanied by a certification that the signer is licensed or certified under sections 326.02 to 326.15, by the person's license or certificate number, and by the date on which the signature was affixed. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any plans, drawings, specifications, plats, reports, or other documents of an intraoffice or intracompany nature. A government agency or local unit of government need sign and certify only the title page or first page of a highway construction document that is described in this subdivision; provided that all other pages must have printed or stamped on them a facsimile signature and the information required by this subdivision. The stamp or printed signature has the same force and effect as an actual signature or that are considered to be drafts or of a preliminary, schematic, or design development nature by licensed or certified individuals who would normally be responsible for their preparation. The required signature and certification must appear on all pages of plans and drawings that must be signed, but only on the first page of specifications, plats, reports, or other documents that must be signed. A stamp, printed signature, or electronically created signature has the same force and effect as an actual signature if it creates an accurate depiction of the licensed or certified professional's actual signature.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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Signed by the governor March 15, 2002, 12:10 p.m.

CHAPTER 246—H.F.No. 2899

An act relating to metropolitan government; making changes to the livable community provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 473.253, subdivision 2; 473.254, subdivisions 1, 6; 473.255, subdivisions 1, 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 473.253, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.** The council shall use the funds in the livable communities demonstration account to make grants or loans to municipalities participating in the local housing incentives program under section 473.254 or to metropolitan area counties or development authorities to fund the initiatives specified in section 473.25, paragraph (b), in participating municipalities. A grant to a metropolitan county or a development authority must be used for a project in a participating municipality. For the purpose of this section, "development authority" means a statutory or home rule charter city, housing and redevelopment authority, economic development authority, or port authority.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 473.254, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **PARTICIPATION.** (a) By November 15 of each year, A municipality may elect to participate in the local housing incentive account program. If a municipality does not elect to participate for the year, it is not subject to this section. If the election to participate occurs by November 15 of any year, it is effective commencing the next calendar year; otherwise it is effective commencing the next succeeding calendar year. An election to participate in the program is effective until revoked according to paragraph (b). A municipality is subject to this section only in those calendar years for which its election to participate in the program is effective. For purposes of this section, municipality means a municipality electing to participate in the local housing incentive account program for the calendar year in question, unless the context indicates otherwise.

(b) A municipality may revoke its election to participate in the local housing incentive account program. If the revocation occurs by November 15 of any year, it is effective commencing the next calendar year; otherwise it is effective commencing the next succeeding calendar year. After revoking its election to participate in the program, a municipality may again elect to participate in the program according to paragraph (a).

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