

**CHAPTER 241—H.F.No. 3185**

*An act relating to high pressure piping; classifying data relating to bioprocess piping and equipment as nonpublic; including bioprocess piping in the definition of high pressure piping; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 16B.61, subdivisions 2, 3; 326.461, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.*

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

Section 1. **[13.7911] BIOPROCESS PIPING AND EQUIPMENT DATA.**

Schematic drawings, structural design, and layout of a biotechnology process piping system submitted by a business to the Department of Labor and Industry or a municipality in support of a building code permit application are classified as nonpublic data.

For the purpose of this section, "biotechnology process piping system" means piping and equipment utilizing living organisms for medical, research, or pharmaceutical purposes and meeting the most current requirements in the bioprocessing equipment standard adopted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and does not include process piping used to make biofood products or treat waste.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 16B.61, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Enforcement by certain bodies.** Under the direction and supervision of the commissioner, the provisions of the code relating to electrical installations shall be enforced by the State Board of Electricity, pursuant to the Minnesota Electrical Act, the provisions relating to plumbing shall be enforced by the commissioner of health, the provisions relating to high pressure steam piping and appurtenances, ammonia piping, and bioprocess piping shall be enforced by the Department of Labor and Industry. Fees for inspections conducted by the State Board of Electricity shall be paid in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Electricity. Under direction of the commissioner of public safety, the state fire marshal shall enforce the Minnesota Uniform Fire Code as provided in chapter 299F. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of labor and industry, shall adopt amendments to the mechanical code portion of the State Building Code to implement standards for process piping.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 16B.61, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Special requirements.** (a) **Space for commuter vans.** The code must require that any parking ramp or other parking facility constructed in accordance with the code include an appropriate number of spaces suitable for the parking of motor vehicles having a capacity of seven to 16 persons and which are principally used to provide prearranged commuter transportation of employees to or from their place of employment or to or from a transit stop authorized by a local transit authority.

(b) **Smoke detection devices.** The code must require that all dwellings, lodging houses, apartment houses, and hotels as defined in section 299F.362 comply with the provisions of section 299F.362.

(c) **Doors in nursing homes and hospitals.** The State Building Code may not require that each door entering a sleeping or patient's room from a corridor in a nursing home or hospital with an approved complete standard automatic fire extinguishing system be constructed or maintained as self-closing or automatically closing.

(d) **Child care facilities in churches; ground level exit.** A licensed day care center serving fewer than 30 preschool age persons and which is located in a belowground space in a church building is exempt from the State Building Code requirement for a ground level exit when the center has more than two stairways to the ground level and its exit.

(e) **Child care facilities in churches; vertical access.** Until August 1, 1996, an organization providing child care in an existing church building which is exempt from taxation under section 272.02, subdivision 6, shall have five years from the date of initial licensure under chapter 245A to provide interior vertical access, such as an elevator, to persons with disabilities as required by the State Building Code. To obtain the extension, the organization providing child care must secure a \$2,500 performance bond with the commissioner of human services to ensure that interior vertical access is achieved by the agreed upon date.

(f) **Family and group family day care.** Until the legislature enacts legislation specifying appropriate standards, the definition of Group R-3 occupancies in the State Building Code applies to family and group family day care homes licensed by the Department of Human Services under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502.

(g) **Enclosed stairways.** No provision of the code or any appendix chapter of the code may require stairways of existing multiple dwelling buildings of two stories or less to be enclosed.

(h) **Double cylinder dead bolt locks.** No provision of the code or appendix chapter of the code may prohibit double cylinder dead bolt locks in existing single-family homes, townhouses, and first floor duplexes used exclusively as a residential dwelling. Any recommendation or promotion of double cylinder dead bolt locks must include a warning about their potential fire danger and procedures to minimize the danger.

(i) **Relocated residential buildings.** A residential building relocated within or into a political subdivision of the state need not comply with the State Energy Code or section 326.371 provided that, where available, an energy audit is conducted on the relocated building.

(j) **Automatic garage door opening systems.** The code must require all residential buildings as defined in section 325F.82 to comply with the provisions of sections 325F.82 and 325F.83.

(k) **Exit sign illumination.** For a new building on which construction is begun on or after October 1, 1993, or an existing building on which remodeling affecting 50 percent or more of the enclosed space is begun on or after October 1, 1993, the code must prohibit the use of internally illuminated exit signs whose electrical consumption during nonemergency operation exceeds 20 watts of resistive power. All other requirements in the code for exit signs must be complied with.

(l) **Exterior wood decks, patios, and balconies.** The code must permit the decking surface and upper portions of exterior wood decks, patios, and balconies to be constructed of (1) heartwood from species of wood having natural resistance to decay or termites, including redwood and cedars, (2) grades of lumber which contain sapwood from species of wood having natural resistance to decay or termites, including redwood and cedars, or (3) treated wood. The species and grades of wood products used to construct the decking surface and upper portions of exterior decks, patios, and balconies must be made available to the building official on request before final construction approval.

(m) **Bioprocess piping and equipment.** No permit fee for bioprocess piping may be imposed by municipalities under the State Building Code, except as required under section 326.47, subdivision 1. Permits for bioprocess piping shall be according to section 326.47 administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. All data regarding the material production processes, including the bioprocess system's structural design and layout, are nonpublic data as provided by section 13.7911.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 326.461, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **High pressure piping.** "High pressure piping" means all high pressure piping used in the installation of hot water or steam heating boilers, any systems of piping hot water or other medium used for heating that exceed 30 p.s.i. gauge and 250 degrees Fahrenheit, or any system of high pressure steam ~~or~~ ammonia piping, or bioprocess piping, but shall not include any high pressure piping under the direct jurisdiction of the United States.

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Signed by the governor May 26, 2006, 5:15 p.m.