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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to construction codes; recodifying and modifying construction codes and
1.2 licensing provisions; modifying the State Building Code; providing penalties
1.3 for enforcement; instructing the revisor to renumber statutory provisions;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.04, subdivision 2; 16B.60,
1.5 subdivisions 4, 7, 8, 11; 16B.61; 16B.615, subdivision 4; 16B.617; 16B.6175;
1.6 16B.63; 16B.65; 16B.70; 16B.72; 16B.73; 16B.735; 16B.74, subdivisions 1,
1.7 2, by adding subdivisions; 16B.741; 16B.744; 16B.745, subdivisions 1, 4;
1.8 16B.747; 16B.748; 16B.76; 31.175; 103L.621, subdivision 3; 144.122; 144.99,
1.9 subdivision 1; 175.16, subdivision 1; 183.38; 183.39, subdivision 1; 183.411,
1.10 subdivision 2; 183.42; 183.45; 183.46; 183.465; 183.466; 183.48; 183.501;
1.11 183.505; 183.51; 183.54, subdivisions 1, 3; 183.545, subdivisions 2, 4, 8, by
1.12 adding a subdivision; 183.56; 183.57, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 6; 183.59; 183.60;
1.13 183.61, subdivisions 2, 4; 214.01, subdivision 3; 214.04, subdivisions 1, 3;
1.14 299F.011, subdivision 1; 325E.58; 326.01, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c,
1.15 6e, 6f, 6g, 6j, 6k, 6l, 7, 8, 9; 326.241; 326.242; 326.243; 326.244, subdivisions 1,
1.16 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 326.2441; 326.245; 326.247; 326.248;
1.17 326.37; 326.38; 326.39; 326.40; 326.401; 326.405; 326.42; 326.46; 326.461, by
1.18 adding subdivisions; 326.47; 326.48; 326.50; 326.57, subdivision 1; 326.58;
1.19 326.59; 326.60; 326.601; 326.61, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 326.62; 326.65; 326.83,
1.20 subdivisions 6, 7, 11, 18, 19, 20; 326.84; 326.841; 326.842; 326.86; 326.87;
1.21 326.88; 326.89; 326.90, subdivision 1; 326.91, subdivision 1; 326.92; 326.921;
1.22 326.93; 326.94; 326.95, subdivision 2; 326.96; 326.97; 326.975, subdivision 1;
1.23 326.992; 327.20, subdivision 1; 327.205; 327.31, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 15, by
1.24 adding a subdivision; 327.32, subdivision 8; 327.33, subdivisions 2, 6, 7; 327.34,
1.25 subdivision 3; 327.35, subdivisions 1, 2; 327A.01, subdivision 2; 327B.01,
1.26 subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 17, by adding subdivisions; 327B.04, subdivisions 1, 4,
1.27 6, 7, 8, by adding a subdivision; 327B.05, subdivision 1; 327B.10; 363A.40,
1.28 subdivision 1; 462.357, subdivision 6a; 462A.07, subdivision 8; 471.465;
1.29 471.466; 471.467; 471.471; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.30 Statutes, chapter 327B; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes,
1.31 chapter 326B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.665; 16B.747,
1.32 subdivision 4; 183.001; 183.02; 183.375, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 183.41,
1.33 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 183.44, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 183.52; 183.54, subdivision
1.34 2; 183.545, subdivision 9; 183.61, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 6; 326.01, subdivisions
1.35 6h, 10, 11, 12, 13; 326.242, subdivisions 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g, 9h, 9i,
1.36 9j, 9k, 10; 326.244, subdivision 6; 326.246; 326.2461; 326.40, subdivision 4;
1.37 326.41; 326.44; 326.45; 326.47, subdivision 5; 326.51; 326.52; 326.521; 326.64;
1.38 326.83, subdivisions 3, 4, 12, 13; 326.85; 326.875; 326.91, subdivisions 2, 3, 4;

2.1 326.945; 326.975; 326.98; 327B.05, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Minnesota Rules,
 2.2 parts 2809.0230; 2891.0010; 2891.0030; 3800.2650; 3800.3580; 3800.3590;
 2.3 3800.3630; 3800.3750; 3800.3835; 4715.5600; 4715.5900; 4717.7000, subpart
 2.4 1, item I; 5225.0880; 5225.8600, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 5230.0010;
 2.5 5230.0020; 5230.0040; 5230.0060, subpart 2; 5230.0100, subparts 1, 3, 4.

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

2.7 **ARTICLE 1**
 2.8 **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION**

2.9 Section 1. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

2.10 (a) In Minnesota Rules, parts 3800.3500 to 3800.3885, the revisor of statutes shall
 2.11 change the terms "board" and "Board of Electricity" to "commissioner."

2.12 (b) In Minnesota Rules, parts 4715.0150 to 4715.6000, the revisor of statutes shall
 2.13 change the terms "commissioner" and "commissioner of health" to the term "commissioner
 2.14 of labor and industry"; and shall change the terms "department" and "Department of
 2.15 Health" to "Department of Labor and Industry."

2.16 (c) In Minnesota Rules, chapters 1300, 1301, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1315,
 2.17 1346, 1350, 1360, and 7672, the revisor of statutes shall:

2.18 (1) change the term "commissioner of administration" to "commissioner of labor
 2.19 and industry";

2.20 (2) change the term "Department of Administration" to "Department of Labor and
 2.21 Industry";

2.22 (3) change the term "Department of Administration's Building Codes and Standards
 2.23 Division" to "Department of Labor and Industry"; and

2.24 (4) change the term "director of the Building Codes and Standards Division of the
 2.25 Department of Administration" to "individual appointed by the commissioner of labor and
 2.26 industry to administer the code."

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.28 **ARTICLE 2**
 2.29 **CONSTRUCTION CODES AND LICENSING**

2.30 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299F.011, subdivision 1, is amended to
 2.31 read:

2.32 Subdivision 1. **State Fire Code rulemaking authority.** The commissioner of
 2.33 ~~public safety through the Division of Fire Marshal may promulgate~~ labor and industry,
 2.34 consistent with the recommendations of the state fire marshal, shall adopt a State Fire

3.1 Code and make amendments thereto in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
 3.2 in chapter 14. The code and its amendments shall conform insofar as practicable to model
 3.3 fire codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States, with consideration
 3.4 given to existing statewide specialty codes presently in use in the state of Minnesota.
 3.5 Statewide specialty codes and model codes with necessary modifications may be adopted
 3.6 by reference in accordance with section 14.07, subdivision 4.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.8 Sec. 2. **[326B.01] DEFINITIONS.**

3.9 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to chapter 326B.

3.10 Subd. 2. **ASME.** "ASME" means the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

3.11 Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor
 3.12 and industry or a duly designated representative of the commissioner who is either an
 3.13 employee of the Department of Labor and Industry or a person working under contract
 3.14 with the department.

3.15 Subd. 4. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Labor and Industry.

3.16 Subd. 5. **Day.** "Day" means calendar day unless otherwise provided.

3.17 Subd. 6. **Individual.** "Individual" means a human being.

3.18 Subd. 7. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, limited liability company,
 3.19 corporation, partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, sole proprietorship,
 3.20 joint stock company, or any other legal or commercial entity.

3.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.22 Sec. 3. **[326B.02] POWERS.**

3.23 Subdivision 1. **Transfer of responsibilities.** The responsibilities of the
 3.24 commissioner of administration relating to the state building code, sections 16B.59 to
 3.25 16B.76; construction of low-cost manufactured home park storm shelters, section 327.205;
 3.26 manufactured homes, sections 327.31 to 327.36 and 327B.01 to 327B.12; and statutory
 3.27 warranties in connection with the sale of dwellings and home improvement work, chapter
 3.28 327A, are transferred under section 15.039 to the commissioner of labor and industry as
 3.29 amended and recodified in this chapter. The responsibilities of the commissioner of health
 3.30 relating to the state plumbing code and licensing, sections 16B.61, 144.99 to 144.993, and
 3.31 326.37 to 326.45, and water conditioning contractors and installers, sections 326.57 to
 3.32 326.65, are transferred under section 15.039 to the commissioner of labor and industry
 3.33 as amended and recodified in this chapter. The responsibilities of the commissioner of

4.1 commerce relating to residential contractors, residential remodelers, residential roofers,
 4.2 manufactured home installers, and the contractor's recovery fund under sections 45.027 to
 4.3 45.23 and 326.83 to 326.992 are transferred under section 15.039 to the commissioner of
 4.4 labor and industry as amended and recodified in this chapter. The responsibilities of the
 4.5 Board of Electricity relating to the state electrical code and licensing, sections 16B.61 and
 4.6 326.241 to 326.248, are transferred under section 15.039 to the commissioner of labor and
 4.7 industry as amended and recodified in this chapter.

4.8 Subd. 2. **Definition of responsibilities.** For purposes of subdivision 1,
 4.9 responsibilities include powers, duties, rights, obligations, and other authority imposed by
 4.10 law on the commissioner and the department.

4.11 Subd. 3. **State fire marshal cooperation.** The state fire marshal shall work with the
 4.12 commissioner to improve the delivery of services to the public through the coordination
 4.13 of services and utilization of technology.

4.14 Subd. 4. **General rulemaking authority.** The commissioner may, under the
 4.15 rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and as otherwise provided by this chapter, adopt,
 4.16 amend, suspend, and repeal rules relating to the commissioner's responsibilities under
 4.17 this chapter.

4.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.19 **Sec. 4. [326B.04] DEPOSIT OF MONEY.**

4.20 Subdivision 1. **Construction code fund.** There is created in the state treasury
 4.21 a construction code fund as a special revenue fund for the purpose of administering this
 4.22 chapter, sections 327.31 to 327.36, and chapter 327B. All money collected under those
 4.23 sections, except penalties, are credited to the construction code fund unless otherwise
 4.24 specifically designated by law. Any interest or profit accruing from investment of these
 4.25 sums is credited to the construction code fund. All money collected in the construction
 4.26 code fund is appropriated to the commissioner to administer and enforce the provisions
 4.27 of these laws.

4.28 Unless otherwise provided by law, all penalties assessed under this chapter, section
 4.29 327.35, and chapter 327B are credited to the assigned risk safety account established
 4.30 by section 79.253.

4.31 Subd. 2. **Deposits.** All remaining balances as of June 30, 2007, in the state
 4.32 government special revenue fund and special revenue fund accounts maintained for
 4.33 the Building Codes and Standards Division, Board of Electricity, and plumbing and
 4.34 engineering unit are transferred to the construction code fund. Unless otherwise
 4.35 specifically designated by law: (1) all money collected under chapter 183 and sections

5.1 16B.59 to 16B.76; 144.122, paragraph (f); 326.241 to 326.248; 326.37 to 326.521; 326.57
5.2 to 326.65; 326.83 to 326.992; 327.31 to 327.36; and 327B.01 to 327B.12, except penalties,
5.3 is credited to the construction code fund; (2) all fees collected under section 45.23 in
5.4 connection with continuing education for residential contractors, residential remodelers,
5.5 and residential roofers are credited to the construction code fund; and (3) all penalties
5.6 assessed under the sections set forth in clauses (1) and (2) and all penalties assessed under
5.7 sections 144.99 to 144.993 in connection with any violation of sections 326.37 to 326.45
5.8 or 326.57 to 327.65 or the rules adopted under those sections are credited to the assigned
5.9 risk safety account established by section 79.253.

5.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

5.11 **Sec. 5. [326B.05] EXAM ADMINISTRATION.**

5.12 The commissioner may contract with an examination service to develop and
5.13 administer examinations. The contract may provide for the examination service to charge
5.14 an examination fee to each examinee. The examination fee shall be set by the contract.
5.15 For the purposes of these contracts, the department is not required to comply with section
5.16 16A.1283.

5.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.18 **Sec. 6. [326B.051] COMMISSIONER AUTHORIZED TO HIRE CONTRACT**
5.19 **INSPECTORS.**

5.20 The commissioner is authorized to contract with and fix the compensation
5.21 of inspectors for the purpose of inspecting elevators as defined by section 16B.74,
5.22 subdivision 5, and as required by section 16B.61, subdivision 1a. For the purposes of these
5.23 contracts, the department is required to comply with section 15.061. The department is not
5.24 required to comply with section 16B.748, clause (2), until the commissioner adopts rules
5.25 using the expedited process established in section 14.389, subdivision 5, or December
5.26 31, 2009, whichever occurs first.

5.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.28 **Sec. 7. [326B.06] BONDS.**

5.29 Bonds issued under this chapter are not state bonds or contracts for purposes of
5.30 sections 8.05 and 16C.05, subdivision 2.

5.31 **Sec. 8. [326B.075] COMMISSIONER NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA.**

6.1 The commissioner shall not be subject to subpoena for purposes of providing expert
6.2 testimony or for purposes of providing testimony or documents, as that term is defined in
6.3 section 326B.081, subdivision 4, about an investigation or inspection conducted by the
6.4 commissioner, except in an enforcement proceeding brought by the commissioner.

6.5 **ARTICLE 3**
6.6 **ENFORCEMENT**

6.7 Section 1. **[326B.081] DEFINITIONS.**

6.8 Subdivision 1. **Application.** For purposes of sections 326B.081 to 326B.085, the
6.9 terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

6.10 Subd. 2. **Administrative order.** "Administrative order" means an order issued
6.11 under section 326B.082, subdivision 7.

6.12 Subd. 3. **Applicable law.** "Applicable law" means the provisions of sections
6.13 326B.084 to 326B.998 and 327.31 to 327.36 and chapter 327B, and all rules, orders,
6.14 stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses, registrations,
6.15 certificates, and permits adopted, issued, or enforced by the department under sections
6.16 326B.02 or 326B.084 to 326B.998 or 327.31 to 327.36 or chapter 327B.

6.17 Subd. 4. **Document or documents.** "Document" or "documents" includes papers;
6.18 books; records; memoranda; data; contracts; drawings; graphs; charts; photographs;
6.19 digital, video, and audio recordings; records; accounts; files; statements; letters; e-mails;
6.20 invoices; bills; notes; and calendars maintained in any form or manner.

6.21 Subd. 5. **Final.** "Final" when used to describe any order issued under section
6.22 326B.082 means that:

6.23 (1) no request for hearing in connection with the order was filed in the manner and
6.24 within the time provided by section 326B.082;

6.25 (2) all requests for hearing have been withdrawn;

6.26 (3) an agreement that resolves the order has been signed by all the parties; or

6.27 (4) after the filing of a request for hearing, an order has been issued by the
6.28 commissioner, the Court of Appeals, or the Supreme Court, and all appeals have been
6.29 pursued or forgone.

6.30 Subd. 6. **Licensing order.** "Licensing order" means an order issued under section
6.31 326B.082, subdivision 12, paragraph (a).

6.32 Subd. 7. **Minimum qualifications.** "Minimum qualifications" means the
6.33 educational, experience, fee, examination, application, and other eligibility requirements
6.34 that an applicant must meet in order to obtain a license, registration, certificate, or
6.35 permit under the applicable law. For an applicant that is not an individual, the minimum

7.1 qualifications include the requirement that an employee or other individual associated
7.2 with the applicant hold a license.

7.3 Subd. 8. **Stop order.** "Stop order" means an order issued under section 326B.082,
7.4 subdivision 10.

7.5 **Sec. 2. [326B.082] ENFORCEMENT.**

7.6 Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The commissioner may enforce all applicable
7.7 law under this section. The commissioner may use any enforcement provision in this
7.8 section, including the assessment of monetary penalties, against a person required to have
7.9 a license, registration, certificate, or permit under the applicable law based on conduct
7.10 that would provide grounds for action against a licensee, registrant, certificate holder,
7.11 or permit holder under the applicable law. The use of an enforcement provision in this
7.12 section shall not preclude the use of any other enforcement provision in this section or
7.13 otherwise provided by law.

7.14 Subd. 2. **Access to information and property; subpoenas.** (a) In order to carry out
7.15 the purposes of the applicable law, the commissioner may:

7.16 (1) administer oaths and affirmations, certify official acts, interview, question, take
7.17 oral or written statements, and take depositions;

7.18 (2) request, examine, take possession of, test, sample, measure, photograph, record,
7.19 and copy any documents, apparatus, devices, equipment, or materials;

7.20 (3) at a time and place indicated by the commissioner, request persons to appear
7.21 before the commissioner to give testimony and produce documents, apparatus, devices,
7.22 equipment, or materials;

7.23 (4) issue subpoenas to compel persons to appear before the commissioner to give
7.24 testimony and produce documents, apparatus, devices, equipment, or materials; and

7.25 (5) with or without notice, enter without delay upon any property, public or private,
7.26 for the purpose of taking any action authorized under this subdivision or the applicable
7.27 law, including obtaining information, remedying violations, or conducting surveys,
7.28 inspections, or investigations.

7.29 (b) Persons requested by the commissioner to give testimony or produce documents,
7.30 apparatus, devices, equipment, or materials shall respond within the time and in the manner
7.31 specified by the commissioner. If no time to respond is specified in the request, then a
7.32 response shall be submitted within 30 days of the commissioner's service of the request.

7.33 (c) Upon the refusal or anticipated refusal of a property owner, lessee, property
7.34 owner's representative, or lessee's representative to permit the commissioner's entry onto
7.35 property as provided in paragraph (a), the commissioner may apply for an administrative

8.1 inspection order in the Ramsey County District Court or, at the commissioner's discretion,
8.2 in the district court in the county in which the property is located. The commissioner may
8.3 anticipate that a property owner or lessee will refuse entry if the property owner, lessee,
8.4 property owner's representative, or lessee's representative has refused to permit entry on a
8.5 prior occasion or has informed the commissioner that entry will be refused. Upon showing
8.6 of administrative probable cause by the commissioner, the district court shall issue an
8.7 administrative inspection order that compels the property owner or lessee to permit the
8.8 commissioner to enter the property for the purposes specified in paragraph (a).

8.9 (d) Upon the application of the commissioner, a district court shall treat the failure of
8.10 any person to obey a subpoena lawfully issued by the commissioner under this subdivision
8.11 as a contempt of court.

8.12 Subd. 3. **Service.** Unless otherwise specified, service of a document on a person
8.13 under this section or section 326B.083 may be by mail, by personal service, or in
8.14 accordance with any consent to service filed with the commissioner. Service by mail shall
8.15 be accomplished in the manner provided in Minnesota Rules, part 1400.5550, subpart
8.16 2. Personal service shall be accomplished in the manner provided in Minnesota Rules,
8.17 part 1400.5550, subpart 3.

8.18 Subd. 4. **Fax transmission.** When this section or section 326B.083 permits a
8.19 request for reconsideration or request for hearing to be served by fax on the commissioner,
8.20 the fax shall not exceed 15 pages in length. The request shall be considered timely
8.21 served if the fax is received by the commissioner, at the fax number identified by the
8.22 commissioner in the order or notice of violation, no later than 4:30 p.m. central time on
8.23 the last day permitted for faxing the request. Where the quality or authenticity of the faxed
8.24 request is at issue, the commissioner may require the original request to be filed. Where
8.25 the commissioner has not identified quality or authenticity of the faxed request as an issue
8.26 and the request has been faxed in accordance with this subdivision, the person faxing the
8.27 request does not need to file the original request with the commissioner.

8.28 Subd. 5. **Time computation.** In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed
8.29 by this section, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated period of
8.30 time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be
8.31 included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event the period runs
8.32 until the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

8.33 Subd. 6. **Notices of violation.** (a) The commissioner may issue a notice of violation
8.34 to any person who the commissioner determines has committed a violation of the
8.35 applicable law. The notice of violation must state a summary of the facts that constitute
8.36 the violation and the applicable law violated. The notice of violation may require the

9.1 person to correct the violation. If correction is required, the notice of violation must state
 9.2 the deadline by which the violation must be corrected.

9.3 (b) The commissioner shall issue the notice of violation by:

9.4 (1) serving the notice of violation on the property owner or on the person who
 9.5 committed the violation; or

9.6 (2) posting the notice of violation at the location where the violation occurred.

9.7 (c) If the person to whom the commissioner has issued the notice of violation
 9.8 believes the notice was issued in error, then the person may request reconsideration of the
 9.9 parts of the notice that the person believes are in error. The request for reconsideration
 9.10 must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the commissioner at the address or
 9.11 fax number specified in the notice of violation by the tenth day after the commissioner
 9.12 issued the notice of violation. The date on which a request for reconsideration is served by
 9.13 mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for reconsideration is
 9.14 mailed. If the person does not serve or fax a written request for reconsideration or if the
 9.15 person's written request for reconsideration is not served on or faxed to the commissioner
 9.16 by the tenth day after the commissioner issued the notice of violation, the notice of
 9.17 violation shall become a final order of the commissioner and will not be subject to review
 9.18 by any court or agency. The request for reconsideration must:

9.19 (1) specify which parts of the notice of violation the person believes are in error;

9.20 (2) explain why the person believes the parts are in error; and

9.21 (3) provide documentation to support the request for reconsideration.

9.22 The commissioner shall respond in writing to requests for reconsideration
 9.23 made under this paragraph within 15 days after receiving the request. A request for
 9.24 reconsideration does not stay a requirement to correct a violation as set forth in the notice
 9.25 of violation. After reviewing the request for reconsideration, the commissioner may
 9.26 affirm, modify, or rescind the notice of violation. The commissioner's response to a
 9.27 request for reconsideration is final and shall not be reviewed by any court or agency.

9.28 Subd. 7. **Administrative orders; correction; assessment of monetary**
 9.29 **penalties.** (a) The commissioner may issue an administrative order to any person who
 9.30 the commissioner determines has committed a violation of the applicable law. The
 9.31 commissioner shall issue the administrative order by serving the administrative order on
 9.32 the person. The administrative order may require the person to correct the violation,
 9.33 may require the person to cease and desist from committing the violation, and may
 9.34 assess monetary penalties. The commissioner shall follow the procedures in section
 9.35 326B.083 when issuing administrative orders. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the
 9.36 commissioner may issue to each person a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000 for each

10.1 violation of applicable law committed by the person. The commissioner may order that
10.2 part or all of the monetary penalty will be forgiven if the person to whom the order is
10.3 issued demonstrates to the commissioner by the 31st day after the order is issued that
10.4 the person has corrected the violation or has developed a correction plan acceptable to
10.5 the commissioner.

10.6 (b) The commissioner may issue an administrative order for failure to correct a
10.7 violation by the deadline stated in a final administrative order issued under paragraph (a).
10.8 Each day after the deadline during which the violation remains uncorrected is a separate
10.9 violation for purposes of calculating the maximum monetary penalty amount.

10.10 (c) Upon the application of the commissioner, a district court shall find the failure of
10.11 any person to correct a violation as required by a final administrative order issued by the
10.12 commissioner under this subdivision as a contempt of court.

10.13 Subd. 8. **Hearings related to administrative orders.** (a) Within 30 days after the
10.14 commissioner issues an administrative order or within 20 days after the commissioner
10.15 issues the notice under section 326B.083, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (3), the
10.16 person to whom the administrative order or notice is issued may request an expedited
10.17 hearing to review the commissioner's order or notice. The request for hearing must be
10.18 in writing and must be served on or faxed to the commissioner at the address or fax
10.19 number specified in the order or notice. If the person does not request a hearing or if the
10.20 person's written request for hearing is not served on or faxed to the commissioner by the
10.21 30th day after the commissioner issues the administrative order or the 20th day after the
10.22 commissioner issues the notice under section 326B.083, subdivision 3, paragraph (b),
10.23 clause (3), the order will become a final order of the commissioner and will not be subject
10.24 to review by any court or agency. The date on which a request for hearing is served by
10.25 mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed.
10.26 The hearing request must specifically state the reasons for seeking review of the order or
10.27 notice. The person to whom the order or notice is issued and the commissioner are the
10.28 parties to the expedited hearing. The commissioner must notify the person to whom the
10.29 order or notice is issued of the time and place of the hearing at least 15 days before the
10.30 hearing. The expedited hearing must be held within 45 days after a request for hearing has
10.31 been served on the commissioner unless the parties agree to a later date.

10.32 (b) All written arguments must be submitted within ten days following the close of
10.33 the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted under Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8510 to
10.34 1400.8612, as modified by this subdivision. The Office of Administrative Hearings may, in
10.35 consultation with the agency, adopt rules specifically applicable to cases under this section.

11.1 (c) The administrative law judge shall issue a report making findings of fact,
 11.2 conclusions of law, and a recommended order to the commissioner within 30 days
 11.3 following the close of the record.

11.4 (d) If the administrative law judge makes a finding that the hearing was requested
 11.5 solely for purposes of delay or that the hearing request was frivolous, the commissioner
 11.6 may add to the amount of the penalty the costs charged to the department by the Office of
 11.7 Administrative Hearings for the hearing.

11.8 (e) If a hearing has been held, the commissioner shall not issue a final order until
 11.9 at least five days after the date of the administrative law judge's report. Any person
 11.10 aggrieved by the administrative law judge's report may, within those five days, serve
 11.11 written comments to the commissioner on the report and the commissioner shall consider
 11.12 the comments. The commissioner's final order may be appealed in the manner provided in
 11.13 sections 14.63 to 14.69.

11.14 Subd. 9. **Injunctive relief.** In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the
 11.15 commissioner may bring an action for injunctive relief in the Ramsey County District
 11.16 Court or, at the commissioner's discretion, in the district court in the county in which the
 11.17 commissioner has determined a violation of the applicable law has occurred or is about to
 11.18 occur to enjoin the violation. A temporary restraining order and other injunctive relief
 11.19 shall be granted by the district court if the court determines that a person has engaged in or
 11.20 is about to engage in an act, conduct, or practice constituting a violation of the applicable
 11.21 law. The commissioner shall not be required to show irreparable harm.

11.22 Subd. 10. **Stop orders.** (a) If the commissioner determines based on an inspection
 11.23 or investigation that a person has violated or is about to violate the applicable law, the
 11.24 commissioner may issue to the person a stop order requiring the person to cease and desist
 11.25 from committing the violation.

11.26 (b) If the commissioner determines that a condition exists on real property that
 11.27 violates the applicable law, the commissioner may issue a stop order to the owner or
 11.28 lessee of the real property to cease and desist from committing the violation and to correct
 11.29 the condition that is in violation.

11.30 (c) The commissioner shall issue the stop work order by:

11.31 (1) serving the order on the person who has committed or is about to commit the
 11.32 violation;

11.33 (2) posting the order at the location where the violation was committed or is about to
 11.34 be committed or at the location where the violating condition exists; or

11.35 (3) serving the order on any owner or lessee of the real property where the violating
 11.36 condition exists.

12.1 (d) A stop order shall:

12.2 (1) describe the act, conduct, or practice committed or about to be committed, or the
12.3 condition, and include a reference to the applicable law that the act, conduct, practice, or
12.4 condition violates or would violate; and

12.5 (2) provide notice that any person aggrieved by the stop order may request a hearing
12.6 as provided in paragraph (e).

12.7 (e) Within 30 days after the commissioner issues a stop order, any person aggrieved
12.8 by the order may request an expedited hearing to review the commissioner's action.

12.9 The request for hearing must be made in writing and must be served on or faxed to the
12.10 commissioner at the address or fax number specified in the order. If the person does not
12.11 request a hearing or if the person's written request for hearing is not served on or faxed to
12.12 the commissioner on or before the 30th day after the commissioner issued the stop order,
12.13 the order will become a final order of the commissioner and will not be subject to review
12.14 by any court or agency. The date on which a request for hearing is served by mail is the
12.15 postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed. The hearing
12.16 request must specifically state the reasons for seeking review of the order. The person who
12.17 requested the hearing and the commissioner are the parties to the expedited hearing. The
12.18 hearing shall be commenced within ten days after the commissioner receives the request
12.19 for hearing. The hearing shall be conducted under Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8510 to
12.20 1400.8612, as modified by this subdivision. The administrative law judge shall issue a
12.21 report containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommended order within
12.22 ten days after the conclusion of the hearing. Any party aggrieved by the administrative
12.23 law judge's report shall have five days after the date of the administrative law judge's
12.24 report to submit exceptions and argument to the commissioner. Within 15 days after
12.25 receiving the administrative law judge's report, the commissioner shall issue an order
12.26 vacating, modifying, or making permanent the stop order. The commissioner and the
12.27 person requesting the hearing may by agreement lengthen any time periods described in
12.28 this paragraph. The Office of Administrative Hearings may, in consultation with the
12.29 agency, adopt rules specifically applicable to cases under this subdivision.

12.30 (f) A stop order issued under this subdivision shall be in effect until it is modified or
12.31 vacated by the commissioner or an appellate court. The administrative hearing provided
12.32 by this subdivision and any appellate judicial review as provided in chapter 14 shall
12.33 constitute the exclusive remedy for any person aggrieved by a stop order.

12.34 (g) Upon the application of the commissioner, a district court shall find the failure of
12.35 any person to comply with a final stop order lawfully issued by the commissioner under
12.36 this subdivision as a contempt of court.

13.1 Subd. 11. **Licensing orders; grounds; reapplication.** (a) The commissioner may
13.2 deny an application for a permit, license, registration, or certificate if the applicant does
13.3 not meet or fails to maintain the minimum qualifications for holding the permit, license,
13.4 registration, or certificate, or has any unresolved violations or unpaid fees or monetary
13.5 penalties related to the activity for which the permit, license, registration, or certificate has
13.6 been applied for or was issued.

13.7 (b) The commissioner may deny, suspend, limit, place conditions on, or revoke a
13.8 person's permit, license, registration, or certificate, or censure the person holding the
13.9 permit, license, registration, or certificate, if the commissioner finds that the person:

13.10 (1) committed one or more violations of the applicable law;

13.11 (2) submitted false or misleading information to the state in connection with
13.12 activities for which the permit, license, registration, or certificate was issued, or in
13.13 connection with the application for the permit, license, registration, or certificate;

13.14 (3) allowed the alteration or use of the person's own permit, license, registration,
13.15 or certificate by another person;

13.16 (4) within the previous five years, was convicted of a crime in connection with
13.17 activities for which the permit, license, registration, or certificate was issued;

13.18 (5) violated a final administrative order issued under subdivision 7 or a final stop
13.19 order issued under subdivision 10, or injunctive relief issued under subdivision 9;

13.20 (6) failed to cooperate with a commissioner's request to give testimony, to produce
13.21 documents, things, apparatus, devices, equipment, or materials, or to access property
13.22 under subdivision 2;

13.23 (7) retaliated in any manner against any employee or person who is questioned by,
13.24 cooperates with, or provides information to the commissioner or an employee or agent
13.25 authorized by the commissioner who seeks access to property or things under subdivision
13.26 2;

13.27 (8) engaged in any fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest act or practice; or

13.28 (9) performed work in connection with the permit, license, registration, or
13.29 certificate or conducted the person's affairs in a manner that demonstrates incompetence,
13.30 untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility.

13.31 (c) If the commissioner revokes a person's permit, license, registration, or certificate
13.32 under paragraph (b), the person is prohibited from reapplying for the same type of permit,
13.33 license, registration, or certificate for at least two years after the effective date of the
13.34 revocation. The commissioner may, as a condition of reapplication, require the person to
13.35 obtain a bond or comply with additional reasonable conditions the commissioner considers
13.36 necessary to protect the public.

14.1 (d) If a permit, license, registration, or certificate expires, or is surrendered,
14.2 withdrawn, or terminated, or otherwise becomes ineffective, the commissioner may
14.3 institute a proceeding under this subdivision within two years after the permit, license,
14.4 registration, or certificate was last effective and enter a revocation or suspension order as
14.5 of the last date on which the permit, license, registration, or certificate was in effect.

14.6 **Subd. 12. Issuance of licensing orders; hearings related to licensing orders.**

14.7 (a) If the commissioner determines that a permit, license, registration, or certificate
14.8 should be conditioned, limited, suspended, revoked, or denied under subdivision 11,
14.9 or that the permit holder, licensee, registrant, or certificate holder should be censured
14.10 under subdivision 11, then the commissioner shall issue to the person an order denying,
14.11 conditioning, limiting, suspending, or revoking the person's permit, license, registration,
14.12 or certificate, or censuring the permit holder, licensee, registrant, or certificate holder.

14.13 (b) Any order issued under paragraph (a) may include an assessment of monetary
14.14 penalties and may require the person to cease and desist from committing the violation
14.15 or committing the act, conduct, or practice set out in subdivision 11, paragraph (b). The
14.16 monetary penalty may be up to \$10,000 for each violation or act, conduct, or practice
14.17 committed by the person. The procedures in section 326B.083 must be followed when
14.18 issuing orders under paragraph (a).

14.19 (c) The permit holder, licensee, registrant, certificate holder, or applicant to whom
14.20 the commissioner issues an order under paragraph (a) shall have 30 days after service of
14.21 the order to request a hearing. The request for hearing must be in writing and must be
14.22 served on or faxed to the commissioner at the address or fax number specified in the order
14.23 by the 30th day after service of the order. If the person does not request a hearing or if
14.24 the person's written request for hearing is not served on or faxed to the commissioner
14.25 by the 30th day after service of the order, the order shall become a final order of the
14.26 commissioner and will not be subject to review by any court or agency. The date on which
14.27 a request for hearing is served by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which
14.28 the request for hearing is mailed. If the person submits to the commissioner a timely
14.29 request for hearing, a contested case hearing shall be held in accordance with chapter 14.

14.30 (d) Paragraph (c) does not apply to summary suspension under subdivision 13.

14.31 **Subd. 13. Summary suspension.** In any case where the commissioner has
14.32 issued an order to revoke or suspend a license, registration, certificate, or permit under
14.33 subdivision 12, the commissioner may summarily suspend the person's permit, license,
14.34 registration, or certificate before the order becomes final. The commissioner shall issue a
14.35 summary suspension order when the safety of life or property is threatened or to prevent
14.36 the commission of fraudulent, deceptive, untrustworthy, or dishonest acts against the

15.1 public. The summary suspension shall not affect the deadline for submitting a request
 15.2 for hearing under subdivision 12. If the commissioner summarily suspends a person's
 15.3 permit, license, registration, or certificate, a timely request for hearing submitted under
 15.4 subdivision 12 shall also be considered a timely request for hearing on continuation of
 15.5 the summary suspension. If the commissioner summarily suspends a person's permit,
 15.6 license, registration, or certificate under this subdivision and the person submits a timely
 15.7 request for a hearing, then a hearing on continuation of the summary suspension must be
 15.8 held within ten days after the commissioner receives the request for hearing unless the
 15.9 parties agree to a later date.

15.10 Subd. 14. **Plan for assessing penalties.** The commissioner may prepare a plan for
 15.11 assessing penalties in orders issued under subdivision 7 or 12. The commissioner shall
 15.12 provide a 30-day period for public comment on any such plan. Penalties assessed by the
 15.13 commissioner in accordance with the plan shall be presumed reasonable.

15.14 Subd. 15. **Effect on other laws.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit
 15.15 the application of other state or federal laws, including specifically but not exclusively
 15.16 section 270C.72, that require suspension of, revocation of, denial of, or refusal to renew a
 15.17 permit, license, registration, or certificate issued by the commissioner.

15.18 Subd. 16. **Misdemeanor penalties.** Except as otherwise provided by law, a person
 15.19 who violates an applicable law is guilty of a misdemeanor.

15.20 Subd. 17. **Revocation and suspension of license.** If a person fails to pay a penalty
 15.21 owed under this section or section 326B.083, the commissioner may revoke, suspend, or
 15.22 deny any or all licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations issued by the department.

15.23 Sec. 3. **[326B.083] AMOUNT OF PENALTY; CONTENTS OF**
 15.24 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND LICENSING ORDERS.**

15.25 Subdivision 1. **Amount of penalty; considerations.** In determining the amount of
 15.26 a penalty assessed under section 326B.082, subdivision 7 or 12, the commissioner shall
 15.27 consider the factors described in section 14.045, subdivision 3.

15.28 Subd. 2. **Contents of administrative order and licensing order.** (a) An
 15.29 administrative order and a licensing order must include:

15.30 (1) a summary of the facts that constitute the violation or violations;

15.31 (2) a reference to the applicable law that has been violated; and

15.32 (3) a statement of the person's right to request a hearing.

15.33 (b) An administrative order may include a requirement that the violation be
 15.34 corrected. If the order includes a requirement that the violation be corrected, then the

16.1 order must include, in addition to any statements required under paragraphs (a) and (c),
16.2 the deadline by which the violation must be corrected.

16.3 (c) An administrative order or a licensing order may assess monetary penalties. If
16.4 the order assesses monetary penalties, then the order must include, in addition to any
16.5 statements required under paragraphs (a) and (b):

16.6 (1) a statement of the amount of the monetary penalty imposed;

16.7 (2) a statement that, when the order becomes final, the commissioner may file and
16.8 enforce the unpaid portion of a penalty as a judgment in district court without further
16.9 notice or additional proceedings; and

16.10 (3) if the order is an administrative order, a statement of the amount of the penalty,
16.11 if any, that will be forgiven if the person who is subject to the order demonstrates to the
16.12 commissioner by the 31st day after the order is served that the person has corrected the
16.13 violation or has developed a correction plan acceptable to the commissioner.

16.14 Subd. 3. **Penalty.** (a) If an administrative order includes a penalty assessment, then
16.15 the penalty is due and payable on the date the administrative order becomes final unless
16.16 some or all of the penalty is forgivable. If a licensing order includes a penalty assessment,
16.17 then the penalty is due and payable on the date the licensing order becomes final.

16.18 (b) This paragraph applies if an administrative order includes a penalty assessment
16.19 and all or a portion of the penalty is forgivable.

16.20 (1) If any portion of the penalty is not forgivable, that portion of the penalty is due
16.21 and payable ten days after the date the administrative order becomes final.

16.22 (2) The commissioner shall forgive the forgivable portion of the penalty if the
16.23 commissioner determines that the violation has been corrected within the time set by
16.24 the order or the person to whom the order was issued has developed a correction plan
16.25 acceptable to the commissioner within the time set by the order.

16.26 (3) If the commissioner determines that the person to whom the order was issued
16.27 has failed to correct the violation within the time set by the order or has failed to develop
16.28 a correction plan acceptable to the commissioner within the time set by the order, then
16.29 the forgivable portion of the penalty is due and payable ten days after the commissioner
16.30 serves notice of the determination on the person or on the date the administrative order
16.31 becomes final, whichever is later.

16.32 (c) This paragraph applies if an administrative order or a licensing order includes a
16.33 penalty assessment and if the person subject to the order has requested a hearing. The
16.34 administrative law judge may not recommend a change in the amount of the penalty if
16.35 the penalty was assessed in accordance with a plan prepared under section 326B.082,
16.36 subdivision 14. If the commissioner has not prepared a plan under section 326B.082,

17.1 subdivision 14, then the administrative law judge may not recommend a change in the
 17.2 amount of the penalty unless the administrative law judge determines that, based on the
 17.3 factors in section 14.045, subdivision 3, the amount of the penalty is unreasonable.

17.4 (d) The assessment of a penalty does not preclude the use of other enforcement
 17.5 provisions, under which penalties are not assessed, in connection with the violation for
 17.6 which the penalty was assessed.

17.7 **Sec. 4. [326B.084] FALSE INFORMATION.**

17.8 A person subject to any of the requirements in the applicable law may not make a
 17.9 false material statement, representation, or certification in; omit material information
 17.10 from; or alter, conceal, or fail to file or maintain a notice, application, record, report, plan,
 17.11 or other document required under the applicable law.

17.12 **Sec. 5. [326B.085] RECOVERY OF LITIGATION COSTS AND EXPENSES.**

17.13 In any action brought by the commissioner for enforcement of an order issued
 17.14 under section 326B.082 for injunctive relief, or to compel performance pursuant to the
 17.15 applicable law, if the state finally prevails, the state, in addition to other penalties provided
 17.16 by law, may be allowed an amount determined by the court to be the reasonable value of
 17.17 all or part of the litigation expenses incurred by the state. In determining the amount of
 17.18 the litigation expenses to be allowed, the court shall give consideration to the economic
 17.19 circumstances of the defendant.

17.20 **Sec. 6. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

17.21 The revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.011,
 17.22 subdivision 1, as Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.02, subdivision 5.

17.23 **ARTICLE 4**

17.24 **BUILDING CODE**

17.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

17.26 Subd. 2. **Powers and duties, general.** Subject to other provisions of this chapter,
 17.27 the commissioner is authorized to:

17.28 (1) supervise, control, review, and approve all state contracts and purchasing;

17.29 (2) provide agencies with supplies and equipment and operate all central store or
 17.30 supply rooms serving more than one agency;

17.31 (3) investigate and study the management and organization of agencies, and
 17.32 reorganize them when necessary to ensure their effective and efficient operation;

- 18.1 (4) manage and control state property, real and personal;
- 18.2 (5) maintain and operate all state buildings, as described in section 16B.24,
- 18.3 subdivision 1;
- 18.4 (6) supervise, control, review, and approve all capital improvements to state
- 18.5 buildings and the capitol building and grounds;
- 18.6 (7) provide central duplicating, printing, and mail facilities;
- 18.7 (8) oversee publication of official documents and provide for their sale;
- 18.8 (9) manage and operate parking facilities for state employees and a central motor
- 18.9 pool for travel on state business; and
- 18.10 ~~(10) establish and administer a State Building Code; and~~
- 18.11 ~~(11)~~ (10) provide rental space within the capitol complex for a private day care
- 18.12 center for children of state employees. The commissioner shall contract for services as
- 18.13 provided in this chapter. The commissioner shall report back to the legislature by October
- 18.14 1, 1984, with the recommendation to implement the private day care operation.

18.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.60, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

18.16 Subd. 4. **Code.** "Code" means the State Building Code adopted by the commissioner

18.17 of labor and industry in accordance with sections 16B.59 to 16B.75.

18.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.60, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

18.19 Subd. 7. ~~**Physically disabled Person with a disability.** "Physically disabled" means~~

18.20 ~~having sight disabilities, hearing disabilities, disabilities of incoordination, disabilities~~

18.21 ~~of aging, or other disabilities that significantly reduce mobility, flexibility, coordination,~~

18.22 ~~or perceptiveness. "Person with a disability" or "persons with disabilities" includes~~

18.23 people who have a vision disability, a hearing disability, a disability of coordination, a

18.24 disability of aging, or any other disability that significantly reduces mobility, flexibility,

18.25 coordination, or perceptiveness.

18.26 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.60, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

18.27 Subd. 8. **Remodeling.** "Remodeling" means deliberate reconstruction of an existing

18.28 public building in whole or in part in order to bring it ~~up to date in~~ into conformity with

18.29 present uses of the structure and to which other rules on the upgrading of health and

18.30 safety provisions are applicable.

18.31 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.60, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

19.1 Subd. 11. **State licensed facilities facility.** "State licensed ~~facilities~~ facility" means
 19.2 a building and its grounds that are licensed by the state as a hospital, nursing home,
 19.3 supervised living facility, free-standing outpatient surgical center, ~~or~~ correctional facility,
 19.4 boarding care home, or residential hospice.

19.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.61, is amended to read:

19.6 **16B.61 GENERAL POWERS OF COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND**
 19.7 **INDUSTRY.**

19.8 Subdivision 1. **Adoption of code.** Subject to sections 16B.59 to 16B.75,
 19.9 the commissioner shall by rule establish a code of standards for the construction,
 19.10 reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings, governing matters of structural
 19.11 materials, design and construction, fire protection, health, sanitation, and safety, including
 19.12 design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination, and climate
 19.13 control. The code must also include duties and responsibilities for code administration,
 19.14 including procedures for administrative action, penalties, and suspension and revocation
 19.15 of certification. The code must conform insofar as practicable to model building codes
 19.16 generally accepted and in use throughout the United States, including a code for
 19.17 building conservation. In the preparation of the code, consideration must be given to
 19.18 the existing statewide specialty codes presently in use in the state. Model codes with
 19.19 necessary modifications and statewide specialty codes may be adopted by reference.
 19.20 The code must be based on the application of scientific principles, approved tests, and
 19.21 professional judgment. To the extent possible, the code must be adopted in terms of
 19.22 desired results instead of the means of achieving those results, avoiding wherever possible
 19.23 the incorporation of specifications of particular methods or materials. To that end the
 19.24 code must encourage the use of new methods and new materials. Except as otherwise
 19.25 provided in sections 16B.59 to 16B.75, the commissioner shall administer and enforce
 19.26 the provisions of those sections.

19.27 The commissioner shall develop rules addressing the plan review fee assessed
 19.28 to similar buildings without significant modifications including provisions for use of
 19.29 building systems as specified in the industrial/modular program specified in section
 19.30 16B.75. Additional plan review fees associated with similar plans must be based on costs
 19.31 commensurate with the direct and indirect costs of the service.

19.32 Subd. 1a. **Administration by commissioner.** The commissioner shall administer
 19.33 and enforce the State Building Code as a municipality with respect to public buildings and
 19.34 state licensed facilities in the state. The commissioner shall establish appropriate permit,
 19.35 plan review, ~~and~~ inspection fees, and surcharges for public buildings and state licensed

20.1 facilities. ~~Fees and surcharges for public buildings and state licensed facilities must be~~
 20.2 ~~remitted to the commissioner, who shall deposit them in the state treasury for credit to~~
 20.3 ~~the special revenue fund.~~

20.4 Municipalities other than the state having an agreement with the commissioner
 20.5 for code administration and enforcement service for public buildings and state licensed
 20.6 facilities shall charge their customary fees, including surcharge, to be paid directly to the
 20.7 jurisdiction by the applicant seeking authorization to construct a public building or a state
 20.8 licensed facility. The commissioner shall sign an agreement with a municipality other than
 20.9 the state for plan review, code administration, and code enforcement service for public
 20.10 buildings and state licensed facilities in the jurisdiction if the building officials of the
 20.11 municipality meet the requirements of section 16B.65 and wish to provide those services
 20.12 and if the commissioner determines that the municipality has enough adequately trained
 20.13 and qualified building inspectors to provide those services for the construction project.

20.14 The commissioner may direct the state building official to assist a community that
 20.15 has been affected by a natural disaster with building evaluation and other activities related
 20.16 to building codes.

20.17 Administration and enforcement in a municipality under this section must apply
 20.18 any optional provisions of the State Building Code adopted by the municipality. A
 20.19 municipality adopting any optional code provision shall notify the state building official
 20.20 within 30 days of its adoption.

20.21 The commissioner shall administer and enforce the provisions of the code relating to
 20.22 elevators statewide, except as provided for under section 16B.747, subdivision 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21.26 ~~(f)~~ (e) **Family and group family day care.** Until the legislature enacts legislation
 21.27 specifying appropriate standards, the definition of ~~Group R-3 occupancies in~~ dwellings
 21.28 constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code as adopted as part of the
 21.29 State Building Code applies to family and group family day care homes licensed by the
 21.30 Department of Human Services under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502.

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

21.34 ~~(h)~~ (g) **Double cylinder dead bolt locks.** No provision of the code or appendix
 21.35 chapter of the code may prohibit double cylinder dead bolt locks in existing single-family
 21.36 homes, townhouses, and first floor duplexes used exclusively as a residential dwelling.

22.1 Any recommendation or promotion of double cylinder dead bolt locks must include a
22.2 warning about their potential fire danger and procedures to minimize the danger.

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

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

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

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

22.24 ~~(m)~~ **(l) Bioprocess piping and equipment.** No permit fee for bioprocess piping may
22.25 be imposed by municipalities under the State Building Code, except as required under
22.26 section 326.47, subdivision 1. Permits for bioprocess piping shall be according to section
22.27 326.47 administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. All data regarding the
22.28 material production processes, including the bioprocess system's structural design and
22.29 layout, are nonpublic data as provided by section 13.7911.

22.30 Subd. 3a. **Recycling space.** The code must require suitable space for the separation,
22.31 collection, and temporary storage of recyclable materials within or adjacent to new or
22.32 significantly remodeled structures that contain 1,000 square feet or more. Residential
22.33 structures with fewer than four dwelling units are exempt from this subdivision.

22.34 Subd. 4. **Review of plans for public buildings and state licensed facilities.**
22.35 Construction or remodeling may not begin on any public building or state licensed facility
22.36 until the plans and specifications have been approved by the commissioner or municipality

23.1 under contractual agreement pursuant to subdivision 1a. The plans and specifications must
23.2 be submitted for review, and within 30 days after receipt of the plans and specifications,
23.3 the commissioner or municipality under contractual agreement shall notify the submitting
23.4 authority of any corrections.

23.5 Subd. 5. **Accessibility.** (a) **Public buildings.** The code must provide for making
23.6 public buildings constructed or remodeled after July 1, 1963, accessible to and usable by
23.7 ~~physically disabled~~ persons with disabilities, although this does not require the remodeling
23.8 of public buildings solely to provide accessibility and usability to ~~the physically disabled~~
23.9 persons with disabilities when remodeling would not otherwise be undertaken.

23.10 (b) **Leased space.** No agency of the state may lease space for agency operations
23.11 in a non-state-owned building unless the building satisfies the requirements of the State
23.12 Building Code for accessibility by ~~the physically disabled~~ persons with disabilities, or
23.13 is eligible to display the state symbol of accessibility. This limitation applies to leases
23.14 of 30 days or more for space of at least 1,000 square feet.

23.15 (c) **Meetings or conferences.** Meetings or conferences for the public or for state
23.16 employees which are sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency must be held in
23.17 buildings that meet the State Building Code requirements relating to accessibility for
23.18 ~~physically disabled~~ persons with disabilities. This subdivision does not apply to any
23.19 classes, seminars, or training programs offered by the Minnesota State Colleges and
23.20 Universities or the University of Minnesota. Meetings or conferences intended for specific
23.21 individuals none of whom need the accessibility features for ~~disabled~~ persons with
23.22 disabilities specified in the State Building Code need not comply with this subdivision
23.23 unless a ~~disabled~~ person with a disability gives reasonable advance notice of an intent to
23.24 attend the meeting or conference. When sign language interpreters will be provided,
23.25 meetings or conference sites must be chosen which allow hearing impaired participants to
23.26 see their signing clearly.

23.27 (d) **Exemptions.** The commissioner may grant an exemption from the requirements
23.28 of paragraphs (b) and (c) in advance if an agency has demonstrated that reasonable
23.29 efforts were made to secure facilities which complied with those requirements and if the
23.30 selected facilities are the best available for access for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities.
23.31 Exemptions shall be granted using criteria developed by the commissioner in consultation
23.32 with the Council on Disability.

23.33 (e) **Symbol indicating access.** The wheelchair symbol adopted by Rehabilitation
23.34 International's Eleventh World Congress is the state symbol indicating buildings, facilities,
23.35 and grounds which are accessible to and usable by ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities. In
23.36 the interests of uniformity, this symbol is the sole symbol for display in or on all public

24.1 or private buildings, facilities, and grounds which qualify for its use. The secretary of
24.2 state shall obtain the symbol and keep it on file. No building, facility, or grounds may
24.3 display the symbol unless it is in compliance with the rules adopted by the commissioner
24.4 under subdivision 1. Before any rules are proposed for adoption under this paragraph,
24.5 the commissioner shall consult with the Council on Disability. Rules adopted under this
24.6 paragraph must be enforced in the same way as other accessibility rules of the State
24.7 Building Code.

24.8 (f) **Municipal enforcement.** Municipalities which have not adopted the State
24.9 Building Code may enforce the building code requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with
24.10 disabilities by either entering into a joint powers agreement for enforcement with another
24.11 municipality which has adopted the State Building Code; or contracting for enforcement
24.12 with an individual certified under section 16B.65, subdivision 3, to enforce the State
24.13 Building Code.

24.14 ~~(g) **Equipment allowed.** The code must allow the use of vertical wheelchair lifts~~
24.15 ~~and inclined stairway wheelchair lifts in public buildings. An inclined stairway wheelchair~~
24.16 ~~lift must be equipped with light or sound signaling device for use during operation of the~~
24.17 ~~lift. The stairway or ramp shall be marked in a bright color that clearly indicates the~~
24.18 ~~outside edge of the lift when in operation. The code shall not require a guardrail between~~
24.19 ~~the lift and the stairway or ramp. Compliance with this provision by itself does not mean~~
24.20 ~~other disability accessibility requirements have been met.~~

24.21 Subd. 6. **Energy efficiency.** The code must provide for building new low-income
24.22 housing in accordance with energy efficiency standards adopted under subdivision 1.
24.23 For purposes of this subdivision, low-income housing means residential housing built
24.24 for low-income persons and families under a program of a housing and redevelopment
24.25 authority, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, or another entity receiving money
24.26 from the state to construct such housing.

24.27 Subd. 7. **Access for the hearing-impaired.** All rooms in the State Office Building
24.28 and in the Capitol that are used by the house of representatives or the senate for legislative
24.29 hearings, and the public galleries overlooking the house and senate chambers, must
24.30 be fitted with assistive listening devices for the hearing-impaired. Each hearing room
24.31 and the public galleries must have a sufficient number of receivers available so that
24.32 hearing-impaired members of the public may participate in the committee hearings and
24.33 public sessions of the house and senate.

24.34 Subd. 8. **Separate metering for electric service.** The standards concerning heat
24.35 loss, illumination, and climate control adopted pursuant to subdivision 1, shall require
24.36 that electrical service to individual dwelling units in buildings containing two or more

25.1 units be separately metered, with individual metering readily accessible to the individual
 25.2 occupants. The standards authorized by this subdivision shall only apply to buildings
 25.3 constructed after the effective date of the amended standards. Buildings intended for
 25.4 occupancy primarily by persons who are 62 years of age or older or disabled, or which
 25.5 contain a majority of units not equipped with complete kitchen facilities, shall be exempt
 25.6 from the provisions of this subdivision.

25.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.615, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

25.8 Subd. 4. **Rules.** The commissioner ~~of administration~~ shall adopt rules to implement
 25.9 this section. The rules may provide for a greater ratio of women's to men's facilities
 25.10 for certain types of occupancies than is required in subdivision 3, and may apply the
 25.11 required ratios to categories of occupancies other than those defined as places of public
 25.12 accommodation under subdivision 1.

25.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.617, is amended to read:

25.14 **16B.617 ENERGY CODE RULES REMAIN IN EFFECT.**

25.15 (a) Notwithstanding Laws 1999, chapter 135, section 9, Minnesota Rules, chapter
 25.16 7670, does not expire on April 15, 2000, but remains in effect for residential buildings not
 25.17 covered by Minnesota Rules, chapter 7676. The provisions of Minnesota Rules, chapter
 25.18 7670, that apply to category 1 buildings govern new, detached single one- and two-family
 25.19 R-3 occupancy residential buildings. All new, detached single one- and two-family R-3
 25.20 occupancy buildings subject to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7670, submitting an application
 25.21 for a building permit after April 14, 2000, must meet the requirements for category 1
 25.22 buildings, as set out in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7670.

25.23 (b) As an alternative to compliance with paragraph (a), compliance with Minnesota
 25.24 Rules, chapters 7672 and 7674, is optional for a contractor or owner.

25.25 ~~(c) The Department of Administration, Building Codes and Standards Division~~
 25.26 ~~(BCSD), shall issue a report to the legislature by December 1, 2001, addressing the cost~~
 25.27 ~~benefit, as well as air quality, building durability, moisture, enforcement, enforceability,~~
 25.28 ~~and liability regarding implementation of Minnesota Rules, chapters 7670, 7672, and~~
 25.29 ~~7674. The report must include a feasibility study of establishing new criteria for category~~
 25.30 ~~2 detached single one- and two-family R-3 occupancy buildings that are energy efficient,~~
 25.31 ~~enforceable, and provide sufficient nonmechanical ventilation or permeability for a home~~
 25.32 ~~to maintain good air quality, building durability, and adequate release of moisture.~~

25.33 ~~(d)~~ (c) This section expires when the commissioner ~~of administration~~ adopts a new
 25.34 energy code in accordance with Laws 2002, chapter 317, section 4.

26.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.6175, is amended to read:

26.2 **16B.6175 ENERGY CODE.**

26.3 Notwithstanding section 16B.617, the commissioner ~~of administration, in~~
 26.4 ~~consultation with the Construction Codes Advisory Council,~~ shall explore and review the
 26.5 availability and appropriateness of any model energy codes related to the construction of
 26.6 single one- and two-family residential buildings. ~~In consultation with the council,~~ The
 26.7 commissioner shall take steps to adopt the chosen code with all necessary and appropriate
 26.8 amendments.

26.9 The commissioner may not adopt all or part of a model energy code relating to
 26.10 the construction of residential buildings without research and analysis that addresses,
 26.11 at a minimum, air quality, building durability, moisture, enforcement, enforceability
 26.12 cost benefit, and liability. The research and analysis must be completed in cooperation
 26.13 with practitioners in residential construction and building science ~~and an affirmative~~
 26.14 ~~recommendation by the Construction Codes Advisory Council.~~

26.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.63, is amended to read:

26.16 **16B.63 STATE BUILDING OFFICIAL.**

26.17 Subdivision 1. **Appointment.** The commissioner shall appoint a state building
 26.18 official who under the direction and supervision of the commissioner shall administer
 26.19 the code.

26.20 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** To be eligible for appointment as state building official an
 26.21 individual must be competent in the field of administration and shall have the experience
 26.22 in building design, construction, and supervision which the commissioner considers
 26.23 necessary.

26.24 Subd. 3. **Powers and duties.** The state building official may, with the approval of
 26.25 the commissioner, employ personnel necessary to carry out the inspector's function under
 26.26 sections 16B.59 to 16B.75. The state building official shall distribute without charge
 26.27 ~~one copy~~ a printed or electronic version of the code to each municipality within the state.
 26.28 ~~Additional copies~~ A printed or electronic version of the code shall be made available
 26.29 to municipalities and interested parties for a fee prescribed by the commissioner. The
 26.30 state building official shall perform other duties in administering the code assigned by
 26.31 the commissioner.

26.32 Subd. 4. **Accessibility specialists.** The state building official shall, with the
 26.33 approval of the commissioner, assign three department employees to assist municipalities
 26.34 in complying with section 16B.61, subdivision 5.

27.1 Subd. 5. **Interpretative authority.** To achieve uniform and consistent application
 27.2 of the State Building Code, the state building official has final interpretative authority
 27.3 applicable to all codes adopted as part of the State Building Code ~~except for the~~
 27.4 ~~Plumbing Code and the Electrical Code when enforced by the State Board of Electricity.~~
 27.5 A final interpretative committee composed of seven members, consisting of three
 27.6 building officials, two inspectors from the affected field, and two construction industry
 27.7 representatives, shall review requests for final interpretations relating to that field. A
 27.8 request for final interpretation must come from a local or state level building code
 27.9 board of appeals. The state building official must establish procedures for membership
 27.10 of the interpretative committees. The appropriate committee shall review the request
 27.11 and make a recommendation to the state building official for the final interpretation
 27.12 within 30 days of the request. The state building official must issue an interpretation
 27.13 within ten business days from the recommendation from the review committee. A final
 27.14 interpretation may be appealed within 30 days of its issuance to the commissioner under
 27.15 section 16B.67. The final interpretation must be published within ten business days of its
 27.16 issuance and made available to the public. Municipal building officials shall administer all
 27.17 final interpretations issued by the state building official until the final interpretations are
 27.18 considered for adoption as part of the State Building Code.

27.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.65, is amended to read:

27.20 **16B.65 BUILDING OFFICIALS.**

27.21 Subdivision 1. **Designation.** ~~By January 1, 2002,~~ Each municipality shall designate
 27.22 a building official to administer the code. A municipality may designate no more than one
 27.23 building official responsible for code administration defined by each certification category
 27.24 established in rule. Two or more municipalities may combine in the designation of a
 27.25 building official for the purpose of administering the provisions of the code within their
 27.26 communities. In those municipalities for which no building officials have been designated,
 27.27 the state building official may use whichever state employees are necessary to perform
 27.28 the duties of the building official until the municipality makes a temporary or permanent
 27.29 designation. All costs incurred by virtue of these services rendered by state employees
 27.30 must be borne by the involved municipality and receipts arising from these services must
 27.31 be paid ~~into the state treasury and credited to the special revenue fund~~ to the commissioner.

27.32 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** A building official, to be eligible for designation, must
 27.33 be certified and have the experience in design, construction, and supervision which
 27.34 the commissioner deems necessary and must be generally informed on the quality and
 27.35 strength of building materials, accepted building construction requirements, and the nature

28.1 of equipment and needs conducive to the safety, comfort, and convenience of building
 28.2 occupants. No person may be designated as a building official for a municipality unless
 28.3 the commissioner determines that the official is qualified as provided in subdivision 3.

28.4 Subd. 3. **Certification.** The commissioner shall by rule establish certification
 28.5 criteria as proof of qualification pursuant to subdivision 2. The commissioner may:

28.6 (1) ~~prepare and conduct~~ develop and administer written and practical examinations
 28.7 to determine if a person is qualified pursuant to subdivision 2 to be a building official;

28.8 (2) accept documentation of successful completion of testing programs developed
 28.9 and administered by nationally recognized testing agencies, as proof of qualification
 28.10 pursuant to subdivision 2; or

28.11 (3) determine qualifications by ~~both clauses (1) and (2)~~ satisfactory completion of
 28.12 clause (2) and a mandatory training program developed or approved by the commissioner.

28.13 Upon a determination of qualification under clause (1), (2), or ~~both of them~~ (3),
 28.14 the commissioner shall issue a certificate to the building official stating that the official
 28.15 is certified. Each person applying for examination and certification pursuant to this
 28.16 section shall pay a nonrefundable fee of \$70. The commissioner or a designee may
 28.17 establish categories of certification that will recognize the varying complexities of code
 28.18 enforcement in the municipalities within the state. The commissioner shall provide
 28.19 educational programs designed to train and assist building officials in carrying out their
 28.20 responsibilities.

28.21 ~~The Department of Employee Relations may, at the request of the commissioner,~~
 28.22 ~~provide statewide testing services.~~

28.23 Subd. 4. **Duties.** Building officials shall, in the municipality for which they
 28.24 are designated, be responsible for all aspects of code administration for which they
 28.25 are certified, including the issuance of all building permits and the inspection of all
 28.26 manufactured home installations. The commissioner may direct a municipality with
 28.27 a building official to perform services for another municipality, and in that event the
 28.28 municipality being served shall pay the municipality rendering the services the reasonable
 28.29 costs of the services. The costs may be subject to approval by the commissioner.

28.30 Subd. 5. **Oversight committee.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a Code
 28.31 Administration Oversight Committee ~~to evaluate, mediate, and that will, at the~~
 28.32 commissioner's request, recommend to the commissioner any administrative action,
 28.33 penalty, suspension, or revocation with respect appropriate action pursuant to section
 28.34 326B.82, in response to complaints filed with or information received or obtained by the
 28.35 commissioner alleging or indicating that supports a finding that: (1) an individual has
 28.36 engaged in, or is about to engage in, the unauthorized performance of official the duties

29.1 of a certified building official or the unauthorized use of the title certified building official;
 29.2 title; or a violation of (2) a certified building official has violated a statute, rule, stipulation,
 29.3 agreement, settlement, compliance agreement, cease and desist agreement, or order that
 29.4 the commissioner has adopted, issued, or is empowered has the authority to enforce and
 29.5 that is related to the duties of a certified building official.

29.6 (b) The committee ~~consists~~ shall consist of six members. One member shall be the
 29.7 commissioner's designee and five members shall be certified building officials; who are
 29.8 appointed by the commissioner. At least two of whom the appointed certified building
 29.9 officials must be from nonmetropolitan counties. For the committee members ~~must be~~
 29.10 ~~compensated according to~~ who are not state officials or employees, their compensation
 29.11 and removal from the oversight committee is governed by section 15.059, ~~subdivision 3.~~
 29.12 The commissioner's designee shall ~~act as an ex-officio member of the oversight committee~~
 29.13 serve as the chair of the oversight committee and shall not vote. The terms of the appointed
 29.14 members of the oversight committee shall be four years. The terms of three of the
 29.15 appointed members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining
 29.16 two appointed members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms
 29.17 of the other appointed members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. The
 29.18 committee is not subject to the expiration provisions of section 15.059, subdivision 5.

29.19 (b) (c) If the commissioner ~~has a reasonable basis to believe~~ determines that
 29.20 a person an individual has engaged in an act or practice constituting the unauthorized
 29.21 performance of ~~official~~ the duties; of a certified building official or the unauthorized use
 29.22 of the title certified building official title, or that a violation of certified building official
 29.23 has violated a statute, rule, stipulation, agreement, settlement, compliance agreement,
 29.24 cease and desist agreement, or order that the commissioner has adopted, issued, or is
 29.25 ~~empowered~~ authorized to enforce that is related to the duties of a certified building official,
 29.26 the commissioner may ~~proceed with take~~ administrative actions or penalties as described
 29.27 in ~~subdivision 5a or suspension or revocation as described in subdivision 5b.~~ against the
 29.28 individual pursuant to section 326B.082, subdivisions 7 and 11.

29.29 Subd. 5a. ~~Administrative action and penalties.~~ The commissioner shall, by rule,
 29.30 establish a graduated schedule of administrative actions for violations of sections 16B.59
 29.31 to 16B.75 and rules adopted under those sections. The schedule must be based on and
 29.32 reflect the culpability, frequency, and severity of the violator's actions. The commissioner
 29.33 may impose a penalty from the schedule on a certification holder for a violation of sections
 29.34 16B.59 to 16B.75 and rules adopted under those sections. The penalty is in addition to
 29.35 any criminal penalty imposed for the same violation. Administrative monetary penalties
 29.36 imposed by the commissioner must be paid to the special revenue fund.

30.1 Subd. 5b. ~~Suspension, revocation. Grounds.~~ Except as otherwise provided for by
 30.2 law, the commissioner may, upon notice and hearing, revoke or suspend or refuse to issue
 30.3 or reissue a building official certification if the applicant, building official, or certification
 30.4 holder. In addition to the grounds set forth in section 326B.082, subdivision 11, the
 30.5 commissioner may deny, suspend, limit, place conditions on, or revoke a certificate, or
 30.6 may censure an applicant or individual holding a certificate, if the applicant or individual:

30.7 (1) violates a provision of sections 16B.59 to 16B.75 or a rule adopted under those
 30.8 sections; or

30.9 (2) engages in fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation while performing the duties of a
 30.10 certified building official;

30.11 (3) ~~makes a false statement in an application submitted to the commissioner or in a~~
 30.12 ~~document required to be submitted to the commissioner; or~~

30.13 (4) ~~violates an order of the commissioner.~~

30.14 ~~Notice must be provided and the hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions~~
 30.15 ~~of chapter 14 governing contested case proceedings.~~ Nothing in this subdivision limits or
 30.16 otherwise affects the authority of a municipality to dismiss or suspend a building official
 30.17 at its discretion, except as otherwise provided for by law.

30.18 Subd. 5c. **Action against unlicensed persons.** The commissioner may take any
 30.19 administrative action provided under section 326B.082, against an individual required
 30.20 to be certified under subdivision 3, based upon conduct that would provide grounds for
 30.21 action against a certificate holder under this section.

30.22 Subd. 6. **Vacancies.** In the event that a designated building official position is
 30.23 vacant within a municipality, that municipality shall designate a certified building official
 30.24 to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. The commissioner must be notified of any vacancy
 30.25 or designation in writing within 15 days. If the municipality fails to designate a certified
 30.26 building official within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the state building official
 30.27 may provide state employees to serve that function as provided in subdivision 1 until the
 30.28 municipality makes a temporary or permanent designation. Municipalities must not issue
 30.29 permits without a designated certified building official.

30.30 Subd. 7. **Continuing education.** Subject to sections 16B.59 to 16B.75, the
 30.31 commissioner may by rule establish or approve continuing education programs for
 30.32 municipal certified building officials dealing with matters of building code administration,
 30.33 inspection, and enforcement.

30.34 Each person certified as a building official for the state must satisfactorily complete
 30.35 applicable educational programs established or approved by the commissioner ~~every~~
 30.36 ~~three calendar years~~ to retain certification.

31.1 ~~Each person certified as a building official must submit in writing to the~~
 31.2 ~~commissioner an application for renewal of certification within 60 days of the last day of~~
 31.3 ~~the third calendar year following the last certificate issued. Each application for renewal~~
 31.4 ~~must be accompanied by proof of satisfactory completion of minimum continuing~~
 31.5 ~~education requirements and the certification renewal fee established by the commissioner.~~

31.6 Subd. 8. **Renewal.** (a) Subject to sections 16B.59 to 16B.76, the commissioner of
 31.7 labor and industry may by rule adopt standards dealing with renewal requirements.

31.8 (b) If the commissioner has not issued a notice of denial of application for a
 31.9 certificate holder and if the certificate holder has properly and timely filed a fully completed
 31.10 renewal application, then the certificate holder may continue to engage in building official
 31.11 activities whether or not the renewed certificate has been received. Applications must be
 31.12 made on a form approved by the commissioner. Each application for renewal must be
 31.13 fully completed, and be accompanied by proof of the satisfactory completion of minimum
 31.14 continuing education requirements and the certification renewal fee established by the
 31.15 commissioner. Applications are timely if received prior to the expiration of the most
 31.16 recently issued certificate. An application for renewal that does not contain all of the
 31.17 information requested is an incomplete application and will not be accepted.

31.18 Subd. 9. **Expiration.** All certificates expire at 11:59:59 p.m. central time on the
 31.19 date of expiration if not properly renewed in accordance with subdivision 8, paragraph (b).

31.20 Subd. 10. **Failure to renew.** An individual who has failed to make a timely
 31.21 application for renewal of a certificate is not certified and must not serve as the designated
 31.22 building official for any municipality until a renewed certificate has been issued by the
 31.23 commissioner.

31.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

31.25 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.70, is amended to read:

31.26 **16B.70 SURCHARGE.**

31.27 Subdivision 1. **Computation.** To defray the costs of administering sections
 31.28 16B.59 to 16B.76, a surcharge is imposed on all permits issued by municipalities in
 31.29 connection with the construction of or addition or alteration to buildings and equipment or
 31.30 appurtenances after June 30, 1971. The commissioner may use any surplus in surcharge
 31.31 receipts to award grants for code research and development and education.

31.32 If the fee for the permit issued is fixed in amount the surcharge is equivalent to
 31.33 one-half mill (.0005) of the fee or 50 cents, whichever amount is greater. For all other
 31.34 permits, the surcharge is as follows:

32.1 (1) if the valuation of the structure, addition, or alteration is \$1,000,000 or less, the
 32.2 surcharge is equivalent to one-half mill (.0005) of the valuation of the structure, addition,
 32.3 or alteration;

32.4 (2) if the valuation is greater than \$1,000,000, the surcharge is \$500 plus two-fifths
 32.5 mill (.0004) of the value between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000;

32.6 (3) if the valuation is greater than \$2,000,000, the surcharge is \$900 plus three-tenths
 32.7 mill (.0003) of the value between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000;

32.8 (4) if the valuation is greater than \$3,000,000, the surcharge is \$1,200 plus one-fifth
 32.9 mill (.0002) of the value between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000;

32.10 (5) if the valuation is greater than \$4,000,000, the surcharge is \$1,400 plus one-tenth
 32.11 mill (.0001) of the value between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000; and

32.12 (6) if the valuation exceeds \$5,000,000, the surcharge is \$1,500 plus one-twentieth
 32.13 mill (.00005) of the value that exceeds \$5,000,000.

32.14 **Subd. 2. Collection and reports.** All permit surcharges must be collected by each
 32.15 municipality and a portion of them remitted to the state. Each municipality having a
 32.16 population greater than 20,000 people shall prepare and submit to the commissioner once
 32.17 a month a report of fees and surcharges on fees collected during the previous month
 32.18 but shall retain the greater of two percent or that amount collected up to \$25 to apply
 32.19 against the administrative expenses the municipality incurs in collecting the surcharges.
 32.20 All other municipalities shall submit the report and surcharges on fees once a quarter
 32.21 but shall retain the greater of four percent or that amount collected up to \$25 to apply
 32.22 against the administrative expenses the municipalities incur in collecting the surcharges.
 32.23 The report, which must be in a form prescribed by the commissioner, must be submitted
 32.24 together with a remittance covering the surcharges collected by the 15th day following
 32.25 the month or quarter in which the surcharges are collected. ~~All money collected by the~~
 32.26 ~~commissioner through surcharges and other fees prescribed by sections 16B.59 to 16B.75~~
 32.27 ~~shall be deposited in the state government special revenue fund and is appropriated to the~~
 32.28 ~~commissioner for the purpose of administering and enforcing the State Building Code~~
 32.29 ~~under sections 16B.59 to 16B.75.~~

32.30 **Subd. 3. Revenue to equal costs.** Revenue received from the surcharge imposed
 32.31 in subdivision 1 should approximately equal the cost, including the overhead cost, of
 32.32 administering sections 16B.59 to 16B.75. By November 30 each year, the commissioner
 32.33 must report to the commissioner of finance and to the legislature on changes in the
 32.34 surcharge imposed in subdivision 1 needed to comply with this policy. In making this
 32.35 report, the commissioner must assume that the services associated with administering

33.1 sections 16B.59 to 16B.75 will continue to be provided at the same level provided during
33.2 the fiscal year in which the report is made.

33.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

33.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.72, is amended to read:

33.5 **16B.72 REFERENDA ON STATE BUILDING CODE IN**
33.6 **NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES.**

33.7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a county that is not a
33.8 metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121, subdivision 4, may provide, by a vote
33.9 of the majority of its electors residing outside of municipalities that have adopted the State
33.10 Building Code before January 1, 1977, that no part of the State Building Code except the
33.11 building requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities, the requirements for bleacher
33.12 safety, and the requirements for elevator safety applies within its jurisdiction.

33.13 The county board may submit to the voters at a regular or special election the
33.14 question of adopting the building code. The county board shall submit the question to
33.15 the voters if it receives a petition for the question signed by a number of voters equal
33.16 to at least five percent of those voting in the last general election. The question on the
33.17 ballot must be stated substantially as follows:

33.18 "Shall the State Building Code be adopted in County?"

33.19 If the majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in the negative, the State
33.20 Building Code does not apply in the subject county, outside home rule charter or statutory
33.21 cities or towns that adopted the building code before January 1, 1977, except the building
33.22 requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities, the requirements for bleacher safety,
33.23 and the requirements for elevator safety do apply.

33.24 Nothing in this section precludes a municipality or town that has not adopted the
33.25 State Building Code from adopting and enforcing by ordinance or other legal means the
33.26 State Building Code within its jurisdiction.

33.27 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.73, is amended to read:

33.28 **16B.73 STATE BUILDING CODE IN MUNICIPALITIES UNDER 2,500;**
33.29 **LOCAL OPTION.**

33.30 The governing body of a municipality whose population is less than 2,500 may
33.31 provide that the State Building Code, except the requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with
33.32 disabilities, the requirements for bleacher safety, and the requirements for elevator
33.33 safety, will not apply within the jurisdiction of the municipality, if the municipality is

34.1 located in whole or in part within a county exempted from its application under section
 34.2 16B.72. If more than one municipality has jurisdiction over an area, the State Building
 34.3 Code continues to apply unless all municipalities having jurisdiction over the area have
 34.4 provided that the State Building Code, except the requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with
 34.5 disabilities, the requirements for bleacher safety, and the requirements for elevator safety,
 34.6 does not apply within their respective jurisdictions. Nothing in this section precludes a
 34.7 municipality or town from adopting and enforcing by ordinance or other legal means the
 34.8 State Building Code within its jurisdiction.

34.9 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.735, is amended to read:

34.10 **16B.735 ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ~~DISABLED~~**
 34.11 **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

34.12 A statutory or home rule charter city that is not covered by the State Building Code
 34.13 because of action taken under section 16B.72 or 16B.73 is responsible for enforcement in
 34.14 the city of the State Building Code's requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities. In
 34.15 all other areas where the State Building Code does not apply because of action taken under
 34.16 section 16B.72 or 16B.73, the county is responsible for enforcement of those requirements.

34.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

34.18 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** ~~As used in~~ For the purposes of sections 16B.61,
 34.19 16B.72, 16B.73, and 16B.74 to ~~16B.746~~ 16B.748 the terms "~~passenger or freight elevator,~~"
 34.20 "~~automatic operation~~" and "~~continuous pressure operation~~" defined in this section shall
 34.21 have the ~~following~~ meanings given them.

34.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

34.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

34.24 Subd. 2. **Passenger or freight elevator.** "Passenger or freight elevator" means
 34.25 all elevators except those that comply with the safety rules of the department ~~of~~
 34.26 ~~Administration~~ relating to construction and installation and that have automatic operation
 34.27 or continuous pressure operation.

34.28 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, is amended by adding a subdivision
 34.29 to read:

34.30 Subd. 7. **Elevator inspection.** "Elevator inspection" means an examination of
 34.31 elevator installations, repairs, alterations, removal, and construction for compliance with

35.1 the State Building Code that may include witnessing tests performed on elevators by
 35.2 elevator personnel, performing tests on elevators, or an audit of records related to routine
 35.3 and periodic maintenance and testing, or any combination thereof when performed by the
 35.4 department or a municipality authorized to perform such inspections.

35.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

35.6 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, is amended by adding a subdivision
 35.7 to read:

35.8 **Subd. 8. Elevator inspector.** "Elevator inspector" means an individual who meets
 35.9 the requirements established pursuant to section 16B.748, clause (1), who is performing
 35.10 elevator inspections for the department or a municipality authorized to perform such
 35.11 inspections.

35.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

35.13 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, is amended by adding a subdivision
 35.14 to read:

35.15 **Subd. 9. Limited elevator inspector.** "Limited elevator inspector" means an
 35.16 individual who performs annual elevator inspections for the department or a municipality
 35.17 authorized to perform such inspections. Until rules are adopted pursuant to sections
 35.18 16B.748, clause (2), and 326B.051, the commissioner shall approve limited elevator
 35.19 inspector qualifications.

35.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

35.21 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.741, is amended to read:

35.22 **16B.741 ELEVATOR AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AND REPORTING.**

35.23 **Subdivision 1. Elevator available for inspection.** A person, ~~firm, entity, or~~
 35.24 ~~corporation~~ that owns or controls a building or other structure housing an elevator that is
 35.25 subject to inspection by the department, shall, upon request, provide access at a reasonable
 35.26 hour to the elevator for purposes of inspection.

35.27 **Subd. 2. Persons required to report.** The following persons shall report the
 35.28 information specified in subdivision 3 to the commissioner by January 1, 2008:

35.29 (a) any person that, between August 1, 2005, and July 31, 2007, has provided
 35.30 service, alteration, repair, or maintenance to any elevator located in Minnesota;

36.1 (b) any person that, between August 1, 2005, and July 31, 2007, has entered into an
 36.2 agreement to provide service, alteration, repair, or maintenance to any elevator located
 36.3 in Minnesota;

36.4 (c) any person that owns or controls an elevator located in Minnesota that, between
 36.5 August 1, 2005, and July 31, 2007, has not received service, alteration, repair, or
 36.6 maintenance on the elevator; or

36.7 (d) any person that owns or controls an elevator located in Minnesota that, between
 36.8 August 1, 2005, and July 31, 2007, has not entered into an agreement to receive service,
 36.9 alteration, repair, or maintenance on the elevator.

36.10 Subd. 3. **Elevator location, type, and installation date.** On a form prescribed by
 36.11 the commissioner, the persons required to report pursuant to subdivision 2 shall provide
 36.12 the following:

36.13 (a) the location of each elevator;

36.14 (b) the type of each elevator; and

36.15 (c) the date the elevator was installed.

36.16 Subd. 4. **Definition.** As used in this section, "elevator" is as defined in section
 36.17 16B.74, subdivision 5.

36.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

36.19 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.744, is amended to read:

36.20 **16B.744 ELEVATORS, ENTRANCES SEALED.**

36.21 It shall be the duty of the department of ~~Administration~~ and the licensing authority
 36.22 of any municipality which adopts any such ordinance whenever it finds any such elevator
 36.23 under its jurisdiction in use in violation of any provision of sections 16B.74 to 16B.745 to
 36.24 seal the entrances of such elevator and attach a notice forbidding the use of such elevator
 36.25 until the provisions thereof are complied with.

36.26 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.745, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.27 Subdivision 1. **Removal of seal.** No person, firm, or corporation may remove any
 36.28 seal or notice forbidding the use of an elevator, except by authority of the department of
 36.29 ~~Administration~~ or the licensing authority having jurisdiction over the elevator, or operate
 36.30 an elevator after a notice has been attached forbidding its use, unless the notice has been
 36.31 removed by authority of the department of ~~Administration~~ or the licensing authority
 36.32 having jurisdiction over the elevator.

37.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.745, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

37.2 Subd. 4. **Penalties.** The commissioner ~~of administration~~ shall administer sections
37.3 16B.74 to 16B.749. In addition to the remedies provided for violations of this chapter,
37.4 the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 for a violation of any
37.5 provision of sections 16B.74 to 16B.749.

37.6 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.747, is amended to read:

37.7 **16B.747 FEES FOR LICENSURE AND INSPECTION.**

37.8 Subdivision 1. **Permits.** No person, firm, or corporation may construct, install, alter,
37.9 or remove an elevator without first filing an application for a permit with the department
37.10 ~~of Administration~~ or a municipality authorized by subdivision 3 to inspect elevators.
37.11 Upon successfully completing inspection and the payment of the appropriate fee, the
37.12 owner must be granted an operating permit for the elevator.

37.13 Subd. 2. **Contractor licenses.** The commissioner may establish criteria for the
37.14 qualifications of elevator contractors and issue licenses based upon proof of the applicant's
37.15 qualifications.

37.16 Subd. 3. **Permissive municipal regulation.** A municipality may conduct a system
37.17 of elevator inspection in conformity with this chapter, State Building Code requirements,
37.18 and adopted rules that includes the inspection of elevator installation, repair, alteration,
37.19 and removal, construction, and the routine and periodic inspection and testing of existing
37.20 elevators. The municipality shall employ inspectors meeting the minimum requirements
37.21 established by Minnesota Rules to perform the inspections and to witness the tests. A
37.22 municipality may establish and retain its own fees for inspection of elevators and related
37.23 devices in its jurisdiction. A municipality may not adopt standards that do not conform to
37.24 the uniform standards prescribed by the department.

37.25 If the commissioner determines that a municipality is not properly administering
37.26 and enforcing the law, rules, and codes, the commissioner shall have the inspection,
37.27 administration, and enforcement undertaken by a qualified inspector employed by the
37.28 department.

37.29 ~~Subd. 4. **Deposit of fees.** Fees received under this section must be deposited in the~~
37.30 ~~state treasury and credited to the special revenue fund.~~

37.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

37.32 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.748, is amended to read:

37.33 **16B.748 RULES.**

38.1 The commissioner may adopt rules for the following purposes:

38.2 (1) to establish minimum qualifications for elevator inspectors that must include
38.3 possession of a current elevator constructor electrician's license issued by the ~~State Board~~
38.4 ~~of Electricity department~~ and proof of successful completion of the national elevator
38.5 industry education program examination or equivalent experience;

38.6 (2) to establish minimum qualifications for limited elevator inspectors;

38.7 ~~(2)~~ (3) to establish criteria for the qualifications of elevator contractors;

38.8 ~~(3)~~ (4) to establish elevator standards under sections 16B.61, subdivisions 1 and
38.9 2, and 16B.64;

38.10 ~~(4)~~ (5) to establish procedures for appeals of decisions of the commissioner under
38.11 chapter 14 and procedures allowing the commissioner, before issuing a decision, to seek
38.12 advice from the elevator trade, building owners or managers, and others knowledgeable in
38.13 the installation, construction, and repair of elevators; and

38.14 ~~(5)~~ (6) to establish requirements for the registration of all elevators.

38.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

38.16 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.76, is amended to read:

38.17 **16B.76 CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

38.18 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Construction Codes Advisory Council
38.19 consists of the following members:

38.20 (1) the commissioner ~~of administration~~ or the commissioner's designee representing
38.21 the department's ~~Building Codes and Standards~~ Construction Codes and Licensing
38.22 Division;

38.23 ~~(2) the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee representing an~~
38.24 ~~Environmental Health Section of the department;~~

38.25 ~~(3)~~ (2) the commissioner of public safety or the ~~commissioner's~~ commissioner of
38.26 public safety's designee representing the ~~department's~~ Department of Public Safety's State
38.27 Fire Marshal Division;

38.28 ~~(4) the commissioner of commerce or the commissioner's designee representing~~
38.29 ~~the department's State Energy Office; and~~

38.30 ~~(5)~~ (3) one member, appointed by the commissioner, representing each of the
38.31 following occupations ~~or~~ entities, appointed by the commissioner of administration or
38.32 industries:

38.33 (i) a certified building ~~official~~ officials;

38.34 (ii) a fire ~~service representative~~ chiefs or fire marshals;

- 39.1 (iii) ~~a licensed architect~~ architects;
- 39.2 (iv) ~~a licensed engineer~~ professional engineers;
- 39.3 (v) ~~a building owners and managers representative~~ commercial building owners
- 39.4 and managers;
- 39.5 (vi) ~~a the licensed residential building contractor~~ industry;
- 39.6 (vii) ~~a the commercial building contractor~~ industry;
- 39.7 (viii) ~~a the heating and ventilation contractor~~ industry;
- 39.8 (ix) ~~a the plumbing contractor~~ industry;
- 39.9 (x) ~~a representative of a construction and building trades union; and~~ member of
- 39.10 the Electrical Advisory Council;
- 39.11 (xi) ~~a local unit of government representative;~~ the high pressure piping industry;
- 39.12 (xii) the boiler industry;
- 39.13 (xiii) the manufactured housing industry;
- 39.14 (xiv) public utility suppliers;
- 39.15 (xv) the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council; and
- 39.16 (xvi) local units of government.
- 39.17 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's
- 39.18 Construction Codes and Licensing Division shall serve as chair of the advisory council.
- 39.19 For members who are not state officials or employees, ~~terms, compensation; and~~ removal;
- 39.20 ~~and the filling of vacancies~~ of members of the advisory council are governed by section
- 39.21 15.059. ~~The council shall select one of its members to serve as chair. The terms of the~~
- 39.22 members of the advisory council shall be four years. The terms of eight of the appointed
- 39.23 members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining nine
- 39.24 appointed members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms of
- 39.25 the other appointed members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. Each
- 39.26 council member shall appoint an alternate to serve in their absence. The committee is not
- 39.27 subject to the expiration provision of section 15.059, subdivision 5.
- 39.28 ~~(c) The council expires June 30, 2003.~~
- 39.29 Subd. 2. **Duties of council.** The council shall review laws, codes, rules, standards,
- 39.30 and licensing requirements relating to building construction and may:
- 39.31 (1) recommend ways to eliminate inconsistencies, to streamline construction
- 39.32 regulation and construction ~~processes~~ procedures, and to improve procedures within
- 39.33 and among jurisdictions;
- 39.34 (2) review and comment on current and proposed laws and rules to promote
- 39.35 coordination and consistency;

40.1 (3) advise agencies on possible changes in rules to make them easier to understand
40.2 and apply; and

40.3 (4) promote the coordination, within each jurisdiction, of the administration and
40.4 enforcement of construction codes.

40.5 The council shall meet a minimum of two times each year. The council shall report
40.6 its findings and recommendations to the commissioner ~~of administration and the head of~~
40.7 ~~any other affected agency by the end of each calendar year.~~ The council may recommend
40.8 changes in laws or rules governing building construction. The council may establish
40.9 subcommittees to facilitate its work. If the council establishes subcommittees, it shall
40.10 include in their memberships representation from entities and organizations expressing
40.11 an interest in membership. The commissioner ~~of administration~~ shall maintain a list of
40.12 interested entities and organizations.

40.13 Subd. 3. **Agency cooperation.** State agencies and local governmental units shall
40.14 cooperate with the council and, so far as possible, provide information or assistance to
40.15 it upon its request. The commissioner ~~of administration~~ shall provide necessary staff
40.16 and administrative support to the council.

40.17 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.992, is amended to read:

40.18 **326.992 BOND REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTORS.**

40.19 (a) A person contracting to do gas, heating, ventilation, cooling, air conditioning,
40.20 fuel burning, or refrigeration work must give bond to the state in the amount of \$25,000 for
40.21 all work entered into within the state. The bond must be for the benefit of persons suffering
40.22 financial loss by reason of the contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of the
40.23 State Mechanical Code. A bond given to the state must be filed with the commissioner
40.24 ~~of administration~~ and is in lieu of all other bonds to any political subdivision required for
40.25 work covered by this section. The bond must be written by a corporate surety licensed to
40.26 do business in the state.

40.27 (b) The commissioner ~~of administration~~ may charge each person giving bond under
40.28 this section an annual bond filing fee of \$15. ~~The money must be deposited in a special~~
40.29 ~~revenue fund and is appropriated to the commissioner to cover the cost of administering~~
40.30 ~~the bond program.~~

40.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

40.32 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

41.1 Subd. 2. **Authorized representative.** "Authorized representative" means any
41.2 person, firm or corporation, or employee thereof, approved or hired by the commissioner
41.3 of labor and industry to perform inspection services.

41.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.31, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

41.5 Subd. 3. **Manufactured Home Building Code.** "Manufactured Home Building
41.6 Code" means, for manufactured homes manufactured after July 1, 1972, and prior to June
41.7 15, 1976, the standards code promulgated by the American National Standards Institute
41.8 and identified as ANSI A119.1, including all revisions thereof in effect on May 21, 1971,
41.9 or the provisions of the National Fire Protection Association and identified as NFPA 501B,
41.10 and further revisions adopted by the commissioner of labor and industry.

41.11 "Manufactured Home Building Code" means, for manufactured homes constructed
41.12 after June 14, 1976, the manufactured home construction and safety standards promulgated
41.13 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which are in effect
41.14 at the time of the manufactured home's manufacture.

41.15 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

41.16 Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of
41.17 ~~administration~~ labor and industry.

41.18 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.31, is amended by adding a subdivision
41.19 to read:

41.20 Subd. 6a. **Individual.** "Individual" means a human being.

41.21 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.31, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

41.22 Subd. 7. **Person.** "Person" means ~~a person, partnership, corporation or other legal~~
41.23 ~~entity~~ any individual, limited liability company, corporation, partnership, incorporated
41.24 or unincorporated association, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, or any other
41.25 legal or commercial entity.

41.26 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.31, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

41.27 Subd. 15. **Purchaser.** "Purchaser" means the first ~~person~~ individual purchasing a
41.28 manufactured home in good faith for purposes other than resale.

41.29 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.32, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

42.1 Subd. 8. **Evidence of compliance.** Each manufacturer, distributor, and dealer
 42.2 shall establish and maintain records, make reports, and provide information as the
 42.3 commissioner or the secretary may reasonably require to be able to determine whether
 42.4 the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer has acted or is acting in compliance with sections
 42.5 327.31 to 327.35, and shall, upon request of a person duly designated by the commissioner
 42.6 or the secretary, permit that person to inspect appropriate books, papers, records, and
 42.7 documents relevant to determining whether that manufacturer, distributor, or dealer
 42.8 has acted or is acting in compliance with sections 327.31 to 327.35, and the National
 42.9 Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States
 42.10 Code, title 42, section 5401, et seq., as amended by the National Manufactured Housing
 42.11 Construction and Safety Standards Act, Title VI, Manufactured Housing Improvement
 42.12 Act of 2000, or other applicable federal or state law.

42.13 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

42.14 Subd. 2. **Fees.** The commissioner shall by rule establish reasonable fees for seals,
 42.15 installation seals and inspections which are sufficient to cover all costs incurred in the
 42.16 administration of sections 327.31 to 327.35. The commissioner shall also establish by
 42.17 rule a monitoring inspection fee in an amount that will comply with the secretary's fee
 42.18 distribution program. This monitoring inspection fee shall be an amount paid by the
 42.19 manufacturer for each manufactured home produced in Minnesota. The monitoring
 42.20 inspection fee shall be paid by the manufacturer to the secretary. The rules of the
 42.21 fee distribution program require the secretary to distribute the fees collected from all
 42.22 manufactured home manufacturers among states approved and conditionally approved
 42.23 based on the number of new manufactured homes whose first location after leaving the
 42.24 manufacturer is on the premises of a distributor, dealer or purchaser in that state. ~~All~~
 42.25 ~~money collected by the commissioner through fees prescribed by sections 327.31 to~~
 42.26 ~~327.36 shall be deposited in the state government special revenue fund and is appropriated~~
 42.27 ~~to the commissioner for the purpose of administering and enforcing the Manufactured~~
 42.28 ~~Home Building Code under sections 327.31 to 327.36.~~

42.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

42.30 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.33, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

42.31 Subd. 6. **Authorization as agency.** The commissioner shall apply to the secretary
 42.32 for approval of the commissioner as the administrative agency for the regulation of
 42.33 manufactured homes under the rules of the secretary. The commissioner may make
 42.34 rules for the administration and enforcement of department responsibilities as a state

43.1 administrative agency including, but not limited to, rules for the handling of citizen's
43.2 complaints. All money received for services provided by the commissioner or the
43.3 department's authorized agents as a state administrative agency shall be deposited in
43.4 the ~~general~~ construction code fund. The commissioner is charged with the adoption,
43.5 administration, and enforcement of the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety
43.6 Standards, consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the United States
43.7 Department of Housing and Urban Development. The commissioner may adopt the
43.8 rules, codes, and standards necessary to enforce the standards promulgated under this
43.9 section. The commissioner is authorized to conduct hearings and presentations of views
43.10 consistent with regulations adopted by the United States Department of Housing and
43.11 Urban Development and to adopt rules in order to carry out this function.

43.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

43.13 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

43.14 Subd. 7. **Employees.** The commissioner may appoint such employees within
43.15 the Department of ~~Administration~~ Labor and Industry as deemed necessary for the
43.16 administration of sections 327.31 to 327.35.

43.17 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.34, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

43.18 Subd. 3. **Removal of seals.** Manufactured home seals remain the property of
43.19 the Department of ~~Administration~~ Labor and Industry and may be removed by the
43.20 commissioner from any manufactured home which is in violation of the Manufactured
43.21 Home Building Code.

43.22 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.23 Subdivision 1. **Civil Monetary penalty.** Notwithstanding the penalty amount of
43.24 section 326B.082, subdivisions 7 and 12, any person who violates any provision of this
43.25 section is liable to the state of Minnesota for a civil monetary penalty of not to exceed
43.26 \$1,000 for each ~~offense~~ violation. Each violation involving a separate manufactured home
43.27 or involving a separate failure or refusal to allow or perform any act required by this
43.28 section constitutes a separate ~~offense~~ violation, except that the maximum civil monetary
43.29 penalties for any related series of violations occurring within one year from the date of the
43.30 first violation may not exceed \$1,000,000.

43.31 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

44.1 Subd. 2. **Willful violations.** Any individual or a director, officer, or agent of a
44.2 corporation who knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this section in a manner
44.3 which threatens the health or safety of any purchaser shall be ~~fined not more than \$3,000~~
44.4 ~~or imprisoned not more than one year, or both~~ guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

44.5 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

44.6 Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of
44.7 ~~administration~~ labor and industry.

44.8 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

44.9 Subd. 5. **Consumer customer.** "Consumer customer" means any ~~natural person~~
44.10 individual who, primarily for personal, household or family purposes, buys, sells, or seeks
44.11 to buy or sell, a manufactured home from, to or through a dealer or manufacturer.

44.12 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

44.13 Subd. 7. **Dealer or retailer.** "Dealer" or "retailer" means any person who engages
44.14 in the business, either exclusively or in addition to any other occupation, of selling or
44.15 brokering manufactured homes, new or used, or who offers to sell, solicit, broker or
44.16 advertise the sale of manufactured homes, new or used.

44.17 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, is amended by adding a
44.18 subdivision to read:

44.19 Subd. 10a. **Individual.** "Individual" means a human being.

44.20 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, is amended by adding a
44.21 subdivision to read:

44.22 Subd. 11a. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a person who is licensed as a dealer, limited
44.23 dealer, or manufacturer by the Department of Labor and Industry.

44.24 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, is amended by adding a
44.25 subdivision to read:

44.26 Subd. 11b. **Limited dealer or limited retailer.** "Limited dealer" or "limited
44.27 retailer" means any person who is an owner of a manufactured home park authorized, as
44.28 principal only, to engage in the sale, offering for sale, soliciting, or advertising the sale
44.29 of used manufactured homes located in the owned manufactured home park, who is the
44.30 title holder and engages in no more than ten sales annually.

45.1 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, is amended by adding a
45.2 subdivision to read:

45.3 Subd. 14a. **Manufacturing facility.** "Manufacturing facility" means the physical
45.4 site where a manufacturer engages in the business of manufacture, assembly, or production
45.5 of manufactured homes.

45.6 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, is amended by adding a
45.7 subdivision to read:

45.8 Subd. 16a. **Owner.** "Owner" means any person holding title to a manufactured
45.9 home park or manufactured homes.

45.10 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.01, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

45.11 Subd. 17. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, limited liability company,
45.12 corporation, firm, partnership, incorporated and unincorporated association, sole
45.13 proprietorship, joint stock company, or any other legal or commercial entity.

45.14 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.15 Subdivision 1. **License ~~and~~, bond, and liability insurance required.** No person
45.16 shall act as a dealer in manufactured homes, new or used, without a license ~~and~~, a surety
45.17 bond, and liability insurance as provided in this section. No person shall manufacture
45.18 manufactured homes without a license ~~and~~ for each manufacturing facility shipping into or
45.19 located within Minnesota's boundaries, a surety bond, and liability insurance as provided
45.20 in this section. The licensing and bonding requirements of this section do not apply to
45.21 any bank, savings bank, savings association, or credit union, chartered by either this state
45.22 or the federal government, which acts as a dealer only by repossessing manufactured
45.23 homes and then offering the homes for resale.

45.24 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

45.25 Subd. 4. **License prerequisites.** No application shall be granted nor license issued
45.26 until the applicant proves to the commissioner that:

45.27 (a) the applicant has a permanent, established place of business at each licensed
45.28 location. An "established place of business" means a permanent enclosed building other
45.29 than a residence, or a commercial office space, either owned by the applicant or leased by
45.30 the applicant for a term of at least one year, located in an area where zoning regulations
45.31 allow commercial activity, and where the books, records and files necessary to conduct
45.32 the business are kept and maintained. The owner of a licensed manufactured home park

46.1 who resides in or adjacent to the park may use the residence as the established place of
46.2 business required by this subdivision, unless prohibited by local zoning ordinance.

46.3 If a license is granted, the licensee may use unimproved lots and premises for sale,
46.4 storage, and display of manufactured homes, if the licensee first notifies the commissioner
46.5 in writing;

46.6 (b) if the applicant desires to sell, solicit or advertise the sale of new manufactured
46.7 homes, it has a bona fide contract or franchise in effect with a manufacturer or distributor
46.8 of the new manufactured home it proposes to deal in;

46.9 (c) the applicant has secured: (1) a surety bond in the amount of \$20,000 for the
46.10 agency and each subagency location that bears the applicant's name and the name under
46.11 which the applicant will be licensed and do business in this state. Each bond is for the
46.12 protection of consumer customers, and must be executed by the applicant as principal and
46.13 issued by a surety company admitted to do business in this state. The Each bond shall be
46.14 exclusively for the purpose of reimbursing consumer customers and shall be conditioned
46.15 upon the faithful compliance by the applicant with all of the laws and rules of this state
46.16 pertaining to the applicant's business as a dealer or manufacturer, including sections
46.17 325D.44, 325F.67 and 325F.69, and upon the applicant's faithful performance of all its
46.18 legal obligations to consumer customers; and (2) a certificate of liability insurance in the
46.19 amount of \$1,000,000 that provides coverage for the agency and each subagency location;

46.20 (d) the applicant has established a trust account as required by section 327B.08,
46.21 subdivision 3, unless the applicant states in writing its intention to limit its business to
46.22 selling, offering for sale, soliciting or advertising the sale of new manufactured homes; and

46.23 (e) the applicant has provided evidence of having had at least two years' prior
46.24 experience in the sale of manufactured homes, working for a licensed dealer.

46.25 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

46.26 Subd. 6. **Certificate of license.** For each license granted the commissioner shall
46.27 issue a certificate which includes the name of the licensee, the name of the surety company
46.28 and the amount of the surety bond, and the insurance underwriter and policy number, the
46.29 names and addresses of any related principal or subagencies, and a license number.

46.30 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.04, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

46.31 Subd. 7. **Fees; licenses; when granted.** Each application for a license or license
46.32 renewal must be accompanied by a fee in an amount established by the commissioner
46.33 by rule pursuant to section 327B.10. The fees shall be set in an amount which over
46.34 the fiscal biennium will produce revenues approximately equal to the expenses which

47.1 the commissioner expects to incur during that fiscal biennium while administering and
 47.2 enforcing sections 327B.01 to 327B.12. ~~All money collected by the commissioner~~
 47.3 ~~through fees prescribed in sections 327B.01 to 327B.12 shall be deposited in the state~~
 47.4 ~~government special revenue fund and is appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of~~
 47.5 ~~administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter.~~ The commissioner shall grant
 47.6 or deny a license application or a renewal application within 60 days of its filing. If the
 47.7 license is granted, the commissioner shall license the applicant as a dealer or manufacturer
 47.8 for the remainder of the calendar year. Upon application by the licensee, the commissioner
 47.9 shall renew the license for a two year period, if:

- 47.10 (a) the renewal application satisfies the requirements of subdivisions 3 and 4;
 47.11 (b) the renewal applicant has made all listings, registrations, notices and reports
 47.12 required by the commissioner during the preceding year; and
 47.13 (c) the renewal applicant has paid all fees owed pursuant to sections 327B.01 to
 47.14 327B.12 and all taxes, arrearages, and penalties owed to the state.

47.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

47.16 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.04, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

47.17 Subd. 8. **Limited dealer's license.** The commissioner shall issue a limited dealer's
 47.18 license to an owner of a manufactured home park authorizing the licensee as principal
 47.19 only to engage in the sale, offering for sale, soliciting, or advertising the sale of used
 47.20 manufactured homes located in the owned manufactured home park. The licensee must
 47.21 be the title holder of the homes and may engage in no more than ten sales annually. An
 47.22 owner may, upon payment of the applicable fee and compliance with this subdivision,
 47.23 obtain a separate license for each owned manufactured home park and is entitled to sell up
 47.24 to ten homes per license provided that only one limited dealer license may be issued for
 47.25 each park. The license shall be issued after:

- 47.26 (1) receipt of an application on forms provided by the commissioner containing
 47.27 the following information:
 47.28 (i) the identity of the applicant;
 47.29 (ii) the name under which the applicant will be licensed and do business in this state;
 47.30 (iii) the name and address of the owned manufactured home park, including a copy
 47.31 of the park license, serving as the basis for the issuance of the license; ~~and~~
 47.32 (iv) the name, home, and business address of the applicant;
 47.33 (v) the name, address, and telephone number of one individual that is designated
 47.34 by the applicant to receive all communications and cooperate with all inspections and

48.1 investigations of the commissioner pertaining to the sale of manufactured homes in the
 48.2 manufactured home park owned by the applicant;

48.3 (vi) whether the applicant or its designated individual has been convicted of a crime
 48.4 within the previous ten years that is either related directly to the business for which the
 48.5 license is sought or involved fraud, misrepresentation or misuse of funds, or has suffered a
 48.6 judgment in a civil action involving fraud, misrepresentation, or conversion within the
 48.7 previous five years or has had any government license or permit suspended or revoked
 48.8 as a result of an action brought by a federal or state governmental agency in this or any
 48.9 other state within the last five years; and

48.10 (vii) the applicant's qualifications and business history, including whether the
 48.11 applicant or its designated individual has ever been adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or has
 48.12 any unsatisfied court judgments outstanding against it or them;

48.13 (2) payment of a \$100 annual fee; and

48.14 (3) provision of a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000. A separate surety bond
 48.15 must be provided for each limited license.

48.16 The applicant need not comply with section 327B.04, subdivision 4, paragraph (e).
 48.17 The holding of a limited dealer's license does not satisfy the requirement contained in
 48.18 section 327B.04, subdivision 4, paragraph (e), for the licensee or salespersons with respect
 48.19 to obtaining a dealer license. The commissioner may, upon application for a renewal of
 48.20 a license, require only a verification that copies of sales documents have been retained
 48.21 and payment of a \$100 renewal fee. "Sales documents" mean only the safety feature
 48.22 disclosure form defined in section 327C.07, subdivision 3a, title of the home, financing
 48.23 agreements, and purchase agreements.

48.24 The license holder shall, upon request of the commissioner, make available for
 48.25 inspection during business hours sales documents required to be retained under this
 48.26 subdivision.

48.27 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.04, is amended by adding a
 48.28 subdivision to read:

48.29 Subd. 8a. **Service.** Service of a document on a limited dealer licensed under this
 48.30 section may be effected by mail to or by personal service on: (1) the licensee at the
 48.31 licensee's last known address; or (2) the individual designated by the licensee at that
 48.32 individual's last known address.

48.33 Sec. 57. **[327B.042] NOTICE TO COMMISSIONER.**

49.1 Subdivision 1. **Notification.** A person licensed as a dealer, limited dealer, or
 49.2 manufacturer shall notify the commissioner of the occurrence of any of the events in
 49.3 subdivisions 2 to 5.

49.4 Subd. 2. **Change in application information.** A licensee shall notify the
 49.5 commissioner in writing within ten days of the change of any change in information
 49.6 contained in the most recent license application on file with the commissioner, which
 49.7 shall include any change in the information pertaining to the individual designated under
 49.8 section 327B.04, subdivision 8, clause (1), item (vi).

49.9 Subd. 3. **Civil judgment.** A licensee shall notify the commissioner in writing
 49.10 within ten days of any decision of a court regarding a proceeding in which the licensee
 49.11 was named as a defendant, and in which fraud, misrepresentation, or the conversion of
 49.12 funds was found to have been committed by the licensee.

49.13 Subd. 4. **Disciplinary action in another state.** A licensee shall notify the
 49.14 commissioner in writing within ten days of the condition, reprimand, censure, limitation,
 49.15 suspension, or revocation of any other professional or occupational license, registration,
 49.16 permit, or certificate held by the licensee in this or any other state, or any other United
 49.17 States jurisdiction.

49.18 Subd. 5. **Criminal offense.** A licensee shall notify the commissioner in
 49.19 writing within ten days if the licensee is found guilty of a felony, gross misdemeanor,
 49.20 misdemeanor, or any comparable offense related to manufactured home sales, improper
 49.21 business practices, fraud, misrepresentation, misuse of funds, or violation of the consumer
 49.22 laws in this or any other state, or any other United States jurisdiction.

49.23 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.24 Subdivision 1. **Grounds.** In addition to the grounds in section 326B.082,
 49.25 subdivision 11, the commissioner may by order deny, suspend, limit, place conditions
 49.26 on, or revoke any the application or license on finding (1) that the order is in the public
 49.27 interest and (2) that the of any applicant or licensee or any of its directors, officers, limited
 49.28 or general partners, controlling shareholders, or affiliates for any of the following grounds:

49.29 ~~(a) has filed an application for a license or a license renewal which fails to disclose~~
 49.30 ~~any material information or contains any statement which is false or misleading with~~
 49.31 ~~respect to any material fact;~~

49.32 ~~(b)~~ (a) has violated any of the provisions of sections 327B.01 to 327B.12 or any
 49.33 rule or order issued by the commissioner or any prior law providing for the licensing of
 49.34 manufactured home dealers or manufacturers;

50.1 ~~(e)~~ (b) has had a previous manufacturer or dealer license revoked in this or any
50.2 other state;

50.3 ~~(d)~~ (c) has engaged in acts or omissions which have been adjudicated or amount to a
50.4 violation of any of the provisions of section 325D.44, 325F.67 or 325F.69;

50.5 ~~(e)~~ (d) has sold or brokered the sale of a home containing a material violation of
50.6 sections 327.31 to 327.35 about which the dealer knew or which should have been obvious
50.7 to a reasonably prudent dealer;

50.8 ~~(f)~~ (e) has failed to make or provide all listings, notices and reports required by
50.9 the commissioner;

50.10 ~~(g)~~ (f) has failed to pay a civil penalty assessed under subdivision 5 within ten
50.11 days after the assessment becomes final;

50.12 ~~(h)~~ (g) has failed to pay to the commissioner or other responsible government agency
50.13 all taxes, fees and arrearages due;

50.14 ~~(i)~~ (h) has failed to duly apply for license renewal;

50.15 ~~(j)~~ (i) has violated any applicable manufactured home building or safety code;

50.16 ~~(k)~~ (j) has failed or refused to honor any express or implied warranty as provided
50.17 in section 327B.03;

50.18 ~~(l)~~ (k) has failed to continuously occupy a permanent, established place of business
50.19 licensed under section 327B.04;

50.20 ~~(m)~~ (l) has, without first notifying the commissioner, sold a new and unused
50.21 manufactured home other than the make of manufactured home described in a franchise or
50.22 contract filed with the application for license or license renewal;

50.23 ~~(n)~~ (m) has wrongfully failed to deliver a certificate of title to a person entitled to it;

50.24 ~~(o)~~ (n) is insolvent or bankrupt;

50.25 ~~(p)~~ (o) holds an impaired or canceled bond;

50.26 ~~(q)~~ (p) has failed to notify the commissioner of bankruptcy proceedings within ten
50.27 days after a petition in bankruptcy has been filed by or against the dealer or manufacturer;

50.28 ~~(r)~~ (q) has, within the previous ten years, been convicted of a crime that either related
50.29 directly to the business of the dealer or manufacturer or involved fraud, misrepresentation
50.30 or misuse of funds;

50.31 ~~(s)~~ (r) has suffered a judgment within the previous five years in a civil action
50.32 involving fraud, misrepresentation or misuse of funds; or

50.33 ~~(t)~~ (s) has failed to reasonably supervise any employee or agent of the dealer or
50.34 manufacturer, resulting in injury or harm to the public.

51.1 The commissioner may establish rules pursuant to section 327B.10 further
 51.2 specifying, defining or establishing standards of conduct for manufactured home dealers
 51.3 and manufacturers.

51.4 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327B.10, is amended to read:

51.5 **327B.10 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

51.6 The commissioner may promulgate rules and issue orders reasonably necessary
 51.7 to implement and administer the provisions of sections 327B.01 to 327B.12. The
 51.8 commissioner shall adopt rules establishing and approving education programs for
 51.9 manufactured home installers. Each manufactured home installer must satisfactorily
 51.10 complete the continuing education requirements established by the commissioner in rule.

51.11 Sec. 60. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

51.12 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 51.13 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 51.14 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
51.15	<u>16B.59</u>	<u>326B.101</u>
51.16	<u>16B.60, subd. 1</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 1</u>
51.17	<u>16B.60, subd. 2</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 4</u>
51.18	<u>16B.60, subd. 3</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 9</u>
51.19	<u>16B.60, subd. 4</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 5</u>
51.20	<u>16B.60, subd. 5</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 3</u>
51.21	<u>16B.60, subd. 6</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 11</u>
51.22	<u>16B.60, subd. 7</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 10</u>
51.23	<u>16B.60, subd. 8</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 12</u>
51.24	<u>16B.60, subd. 9</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 8</u>
51.25	<u>16B.60, subd. 10</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 7</u>
51.26	<u>16B.60, subd. 11</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 13</u>
51.27	<u>16B.60, subd. 12</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 6</u>
51.28	<u>16B.60, subd. 13</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 2</u>
51.29	<u>16B.61</u>	<u>326B.106</u>
51.30	<u>16B.615</u>	<u>326B.109</u>
51.31	<u>16B.616</u>	<u>326B.112</u>
51.32	<u>16B.617</u>	<u>326B.115</u>
51.33	<u>16B.6175</u>	<u>326B.118</u>
51.34	<u>16B.62</u>	<u>326B.121</u>
51.35	<u>16B.625</u>	<u>326B.124</u>
51.36	<u>16B.63</u>	<u>326B.127</u>
51.37		

52.1	<u>16B.64</u>	<u>326B.13</u>
52.2	<u>16B.65</u>	<u>326B.133</u>
52.3	<u>16B.66</u>	<u>326B.136</u>
52.4	<u>16B.67</u>	<u>326B.139</u>
52.5	<u>16B.68</u>	<u>326B.142</u>
52.6	<u>16B.685</u>	<u>326B.145</u>
52.7	<u>16B.70</u>	<u>326B.148</u>
52.8	<u>16B.71</u>	<u>326B.151</u>
52.9	<u>16B.72</u>	<u>326B.154</u>
52.10	<u>16B.73</u>	<u>326B.157</u>
52.11	<u>16B.735</u>	<u>326B.16</u>
52.12	<u>16B.74</u>	<u>326B.163</u>
52.13	<u>16B.741</u>	<u>326B.166</u>
52.14	<u>16B.742</u>	<u>326B.169</u>
52.15	<u>16B.743</u>	<u>326B.172</u>
52.16	<u>16B.744</u>	<u>326B.175</u>
52.17	<u>16B.745</u>	<u>326B.178</u>
52.18	<u>16B.746</u>	<u>326B.181</u>
52.19	<u>16B.747</u>	<u>326B.184</u>
52.20	<u>16B.748</u>	<u>326B.187</u>
52.21	<u>16B.749</u>	<u>326B.191</u>
52.22	<u>16B.75</u>	<u>326B.194</u>
52.23	<u>16B.76</u>	<u>326B.07</u>
52.24	<u>326.992</u>	<u>326B.197</u>

52.25 **ARTICLE 5**

52.26 **ELECTRICAL**

52.27 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

52.28 Subd. 2. **Class A master electrician.** ~~The term "Class A master electrician"~~
52.29 means ~~a person~~ an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience,
52.30 and technical knowledge to ~~install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, and supervise the installing,~~
52.31 ~~altering, and repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for light, heat, power,~~
52.32 ~~and other purposes~~ perform and supervise any electrical work, and who is licensed as ~~such~~
52.33 a Class A master electrician by the ~~Board of Electricity~~ commissioner.

52.34 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

52.35 Subd. 3. **Class A journeyman electrician.** ~~The term "Class A journeyman~~
52.36 ~~electrician"~~ means ~~a person~~ an individual having the necessary qualifications, training,
52.37 experience, and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair, and supervise the installing,
52.38 altering, or repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for light, heat, power,

53.1 and other purposes, and who is licensed as ~~such~~ a Class A journeyman electrician by the
 53.2 Board of Electricity commissioner.

53.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

53.4 Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** ~~The term "Special electrician" means a person having~~
 53.5 ~~the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to install, alter,~~
 53.6 ~~repair, and supervise the installing, altering, or repairing of special classes of electrical~~
 53.7 ~~wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes or for special~~
 53.8 ~~classes of electrical work who is an individual licensed as such by the Board of Electricity.~~
 53.9 ~~The scope of any special electrician license created by the board under section 326.242,~~
 53.10 ~~subdivision 4, shall be limited to that provided for by the rules adopted by the board.~~
 53.11 commissioner as an elevator constructor, lineman, maintenance electrician, or master
 53.12 elevator constructor.

53.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

53.14 Subd. 5. **Contractor.** ~~The term "Contractor" means a person, partnership, or~~
 53.15 ~~corporation operating a business that undertakes~~ who performs or offers to ~~undertake to~~
 53.16 ~~plan for, lay out, or install or to make additions, alterations, or repairs in the installation~~
 53.17 ~~of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes~~
 53.18 perform any electrical work, with or without compensation, who is licensed as ~~such~~ a
 53.19 contractor by the Board of Electricity commissioner. ~~A contractor's license does not of~~
 53.20 ~~itself qualify its holder to perform or supervise the electrical work authorized by holding~~
 53.21 ~~any class of electrician's or other personal electrical license.~~ Contractor includes electrical
 53.22 contractors and technology system contractors.

53.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

53.24 Subd. 6. **Class B master electrician.** ~~The term "Class B master electrician"~~
 53.25 ~~means a person~~ an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience,
 53.26 and technical knowledge to ~~install, alter, repair, plan, lay out,~~ perform and supervise
 53.27 ~~the installing, altering, and repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment~~ any
 53.28 electrical work for single phase systems of not over 200 ampere capacity for light, heat,
 53.29 power, and other purposes on any farm or in any single family dwelling located in any
 53.30 town or municipality which has a population of less than ~~2500~~ 2,500 inhabitants, and who
 53.31 is licensed as ~~such~~ a Class B master electrician by the Board of Electricity commissioner.

53.32 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

54.1 Subd. 6a. **Class B journeyman electrician.** ~~The term~~ "Class B journeyman
 54.2 electrician" means ~~a person~~ an individual having the necessary qualifications, training,
 54.3 experience, and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair, and supervise the installing,
 54.4 altering, or repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for single phase
 54.5 systems of not more than 200 ampere capacity for light, heat, power, and other purposes
 54.6 on any farm or in any single family dwelling located in any town or municipality which
 54.7 has a population of less than ~~2500~~ 2,500 inhabitants, and who is licensed as ~~such~~ a Class B
 54.8 journeyman electrician by the ~~Board of Electricity~~ commissioner.

54.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6b, is amended to read:

54.10 Subd. 6b. **Class A installer.** ~~The term~~ "Class A installer" means ~~a person~~ an
 54.11 individual who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical
 54.12 knowledge to properly lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for
 54.13 major electrical home appliances and such other electrical equipment as is determined by
 54.14 the ~~state Board of Electricity~~ commissioner pursuant to section 326.242, subdivision 3,
 54.15 on the load side of the main service on farmsteads or in any town or municipality with
 54.16 less than 1,500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to a city of the first class and does not
 54.17 contain an established business of a master electrician, and who is licensed as ~~such~~ a Class
 54.18 A installer by the ~~state Board of Electricity~~ commissioner.

54.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6c, is amended to read:

54.20 Subd. 6c. **Class B installer.** ~~The term~~ "Class B installer" means ~~a person~~ an
 54.21 individual who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical
 54.22 knowledge to properly lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment
 54.23 on center pivot irrigation booms on the load side of the main service on farmsteads,
 54.24 and install other electrical equipment determined by the ~~state Board of Electricity~~
 54.25 commissioner, and who is licensed as a Class B installer ~~must be licensed by the Board of~~
 54.26 Electricity commissioner.

54.27 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6e, is amended to read:

54.28 Subd. 6e. **Owner.** An owner is ~~a natural person~~ an individual who physically
 54.29 performs electrical work on premises the ~~person~~ individual owns and actually occupies as
 54.30 a residence or owns and will occupy as a residence upon completion of its construction.

54.31 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6f, is amended to read:

55.1 Subd. 6f. **Electrical work.** ~~The term~~ "Electrical work" means the installing,
 55.2 altering, repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment
 55.3 for electrical light, heat, power, technology circuits or systems, or other purposes. The
 55.4 installing, ~~alteration~~ altering, repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring,
 55.5 apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat, power, technology circuits or systems,
 55.6 or other purposes includes, but is not limited to, the performance of any work ~~governed~~
 55.7 regulated by the standards referred to in section 326.243.

55.8 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6g, is amended to read:

55.9 Subd. 6g. **Personal Direct supervision.** ~~The term "personal "Direct supervision"~~
 55.10 means ~~that a person licensed to perform electrical work oversees and directs the electrical~~
 55.11 ~~work performed by an unlicensed person such that:~~

55.12 (1) ~~the licensed person actually reviews the electrical work performed by the~~
 55.13 ~~unlicensed person~~ an unlicensed individual is being supervised by an individual licensed
 55.14 to perform the electrical work being supervised;

55.15 (2) during the entire working day of the unlicensed individual, the licensed individual
 55.16 is present at the location where the unlicensed individual is performing electrical work;

55.17 (3) the licensed person individual is immediately available to the unlicensed person
 55.18 individual at all times for assistance and direction;

55.19 (4) the licensed individual actually reviews the electrical work performed by the
 55.20 unlicensed individual before the electrical work is operated; and

55.21 ~~(3)~~ (5) the licensed person individual is able to and does determine that all electrical
 55.22 work performed by the unlicensed person individual is performed in compliance with
 55.23 section 326.243.

55.24 ~~The licensed person is responsible for the compliance with section 326.243 of all~~
 55.25 ~~electrical work performed by the unlicensed person.~~

55.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6j, is amended to read:

55.27 Subd. 6j. **Residential dwelling.** A "residential dwelling" is ~~an individual dwelling~~
 55.28 ~~of a single dwelling unit that is contained in a one-family, two-family, or multifamily~~
 55.29 ~~dwelling as defined in the National Electrical Code pursuant to section 326.243, including~~
 55.30 ~~its garage or accessory building.~~ A residential dwelling includes a garage and accessory
 55.31 building that can only be used by the residents of the single dwelling unit.

55.32 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6k, is amended to read:

56.1 Subd. 6k. **Power limited technician.** ~~The term "Power limited technician" means~~
 56.2 ~~a person~~ an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and
 56.3 technical knowledge to install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, and supervise the installing,
 56.4 altering, and repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for technology
 56.5 circuits or systems, and who is licensed as such a power limited technician by the Board of
 56.6 Electricity commissioner.

56.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6l, is amended to read:

56.8 Subd. 6l. **Technology circuits or systems.** "Technology circuits or systems" means
 56.9 class 2 or class 3 circuits or systems for, but not limited to, remote control, signaling,
 56.10 control, alarm, and audio signal, including associated components as covered by the
 56.11 National Electrical Code, articles 640, 645, 650, 725, 760, 770, and 780, and which are
 56.12 isolated from circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3 by a demarcation and are
 56.13 not process control circuits or systems; antenna and communication circuits or systems
 56.14 as covered by chapter 8 of the National Electrical Code; and circuitry and equipment for
 56.15 indoor lighting and outdoor landscape lighting systems that are supplied by the secondary
 56.16 circuit of an isolating power supply operating at 30 volts or less as covered by the National
 56.17 Electrical Code, article 411. The planning, laying out, installing, altering, and repairing
 56.18 of technology circuits or systems must be performed in accordance with the applicable
 56.19 requirements of the National Electrical Code pursuant to section 326.243.

56.20 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.241, is amended to read:

56.21 **326.241 BOARD OF ELECTRICITY ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

56.22 Subdivision 1. **Composition.** ~~The Board of Electricity~~ Electrical Advisory Council
 56.23 shall be advisory to the commissioner and shall consist of 11 members; who are residents
 56.24 of the state; and appointed by the ~~governor of whom~~ commissioner. Two members shall
 56.25 be representatives of the electrical suppliers in the rural areas of the state; two shall be
 56.26 master electricians, who shall be contractors; two shall be journeyman electricians; one
 56.27 ~~registered consulting~~ shall be a licensed electrical engineer; two shall be power limited
 56.28 technicians, who shall be ~~technology system~~ contractors primarily engaged in the business
 56.29 of installing technology circuits or systems; and two; one shall be a public ~~members~~
 56.30 member as defined by section 214.02; and one shall be a department employee designated
 56.31 by the commissioner. The commissioner may also appoint one or more alternates for
 56.32 each member of the advisory council. ~~Membership terms, compensation of members,~~
 56.33 ~~removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting~~
 56.34 ~~requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff,~~

57.1 ~~administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the~~
 57.2 ~~setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided~~
 57.3 ~~in chapter 214.~~

57.4 Subd. 1a. **Organization.** (a) The advisory council shall be organized and
 57.5 administered according to section 15.059, except that, notwithstanding any other law to
 57.6 the contrary, the advisory council shall not expire. Upon the commissioner's request, the
 57.7 advisory council shall form a complaint committee, a technical committee, a technical
 57.8 program committee, and any other committee that the commissioner directs. Each
 57.9 committee shall render advice to the commissioner without referring matters to the full
 57.10 advisory council, unless the committee determines that referral of a technical matter
 57.11 to the full advisory council is appropriate.

57.12 (b) The complaint committee shall consist of three members of the advisory council
 57.13 who are not department employees, plus one department employee designated by the
 57.14 commissioner. The department employee shall be a nonvoting member of the committee
 57.15 regardless of whether that employee is a member of the advisory council. The complaint
 57.16 committee shall, upon the commissioner's request, advise the commissioner regarding the
 57.17 disposition of complaints filed with or information received by the commissioner alleging
 57.18 or indicating violations of sections 326B.32 to 326B.399.

57.19 (c) The technical committee shall consist of one department employee designated
 57.20 by the commissioner and at least one member but no more than three members of the
 57.21 advisory council. The technical committee shall, upon the commissioner's request, advise
 57.22 the commissioner regarding technical electrical code issues and proposed licensing
 57.23 examinations.

57.24 (d) The technical program committee shall consist of two department employees
 57.25 designated by the commissioner and at least one member but no more than three members
 57.26 of the advisory council. The technical program committee shall, upon the commissioner's
 57.27 request, advise the commissioner regarding experience credits for technical programs.

57.28 Subd. 2. **Powers Duties.** The board, or the complaint committee on behalf of the
 57.29 board where authorized by law, advisory council shall have power to meet at least four
 57.30 times per year and shall:

57.31 (1) elect its own officers; who shall select advisory council members to serve on the
 57.32 complaint committee, the technical committee, the technical program committee, and any
 57.33 other committee directed by the commissioner;

57.34 (2) Engage and fix the compensation of inspectors, and hire employees. The salary
 57.35 of the executive secretary shall be established pursuant to chapter 43A. All agents and
 57.36 employees other than contract inspectors shall be in the classified service and shall be

58.1 ~~compensated pursuant to chapter 43A. All inspectors shall hold licenses as master or~~
 58.2 ~~journeyman electricians under section 326.242, subdivision 1(1) or 2(1), and shall give~~
 58.3 ~~bond in an amount fixed by the board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their~~
 58.4 ~~duties; select an advisory council member to serve on the Construction Codes Advisory~~
 58.5 ~~Council established in section 326B.07;~~

58.6 (3) ~~Pay such other expenses as it may deem necessary in the performance of its~~
 58.7 ~~duties, including rent, supplies, and such like; at the request of the commissioner, advise~~
 58.8 ~~the commissioner on issues related to the electrical industry; and~~

58.9 (4) ~~Enforce the provisions of sections 326.241 to 326.248, and provide, upon~~
 58.10 ~~request, such additional voluntary inspections and reviews as it may deem appropriate~~
 58.11 ~~at the request of an advisory council committee, provide advice to that committee or~~
 58.12 ~~to the commissioner on technical issues.~~

58.13 (5) ~~Issue, renew, refuse to renew, suspend, temporarily suspend, and revoke licenses;~~
 58.14 ~~censure licensees, assess civil penalties, issue cease and desist orders, and seek injunctive~~
 58.15 ~~relief and civil penalties in court as authorized by section 326.242 and other provisions~~
 58.16 ~~of Minnesota law.~~

58.17 (6) ~~Adopt reasonable rules to carry out its duties under sections 326.241 to 326.248~~
 58.18 ~~and to provide for the amount and collection of fees for inspection and other services. All~~
 58.19 ~~rules shall be adopted in accordance with chapter 14.~~

58.20 **Subd. 3. Fees and finances; disposition.** ~~All fees collected under the provisions of~~
 58.21 ~~sections 326.241 to 326.248 are to be credited to a special account in the state treasury.~~
 58.22 ~~Money in the account is appropriated to the Board of Electricity to administer and enforce~~
 58.23 ~~sections 326.241 to 326.248, to pay indirect costs, to compensate contract electrical~~
 58.24 ~~inspectors for inspections performed, and to make refunds.~~

58.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** ~~The repeal of subdivision 3 is effective July 1, 2007.~~

58.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.242, is amended to read:

58.27 **326.242 LICENSES.**

58.28 Subdivision 1. **Master electrician.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no **person**
 58.29 individual shall ~~install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, or supervise the installing, altering, or~~
 58.30 ~~repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, or other~~
 58.31 ~~purposes perform or supervise electrical work unless the person individual is:~~ (a) licensed
 58.32 by the ~~board~~ commissioner as a master electrician; and (b)(i) the electrical work is for a
 58.33 licensed contractor and the ~~person individual~~ individual is an employee, partner, or officer of, or is
 58.34 the licensed contractor, or (ii) the electrical work is performed for the ~~person's individual's~~

59.1 employer on ~~electric~~ electrical wiring, apparatus, equipment, or facilities that are owned
 59.2 or leased by the employer ~~which is~~ and that are located within the limits of property
 59.3 ~~which is~~ operated, maintained, and either owned or leased ~~and operated and maintained~~ by
 59.4 the employer.

59.5 (1) An applicant for a Class A master ~~electrician's~~ electrician license shall (a)
 59.6 be a graduate of a four-year electrical course in offered by an accredited college or
 59.7 university; or (b) shall have had at least one ~~year's~~ year of experience, acceptable to the
 59.8 ~~board~~ commissioner, as a licensed journeyman; or (c) shall have had at least five years'
 59.9 experience, acceptable to the ~~board~~ commissioner, in planning for, laying out, supervising
 59.10 and installing wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat and power.

59.11 (2) As of August 1, 1985, no new Class B master ~~electrician's~~ electrician licenses
 59.12 shall be issued. An individual who has a Class B master ~~electrician's~~ electrician license as
 59.13 of August 1, 1985, may retain and renew the license and exercise the privileges it grants,
 59.14 which include electrical work limited to single phase systems, not over 200 amperes in
 59.15 capacity, on farmsteads or single-family dwellings located in towns or municipalities
 59.16 with fewer than 2,500 inhabitants.

59.17 Subd. 2. **Journeyman electrician.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law,
 59.18 no ~~person~~ individual shall install, alter, repair, or supervise the installing, altering, or
 59.19 repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat, power,
 59.20 or other purposes unless:

59.21 (1) the ~~person~~ individual is licensed by the ~~board~~ commissioner as a journeyman
 59.22 electrician; and

59.23 (2) the electrical work is:

59.24 (i) for a contractor and the ~~person~~ individual is an employee, partner, or officer of
 59.25 the licensed contractor; or

59.26 (ii) performed under the supervision of a master electrician also employed by the
 59.27 ~~person's~~ individual's employer on electrical wiring, apparatus, equipment, or facilities
 59.28 that are owned or leased by the employer and that is are located within the limits of
 59.29 property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased, ~~operated, and maintained~~ by
 59.30 the employer.

59.31 (b) An applicant for a Class A journeyman ~~electrician's~~ electrician license shall have
 59.32 had at least four years of experience, acceptable to the ~~board~~ commissioner, in wiring for,
 59.33 installing, and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment, provided however,
 59.34 that the ~~board~~ commissioner may by rule ~~provide for the allowance of~~ allow one year of
 59.35 experience credit for the successful completion of a two-year post high school electrical
 59.36 course approved by the ~~board~~ commissioner.

60.1 (c) As of August 1, 1985, no new Class B journeyman ~~electrician's~~ electrician
 60.2 licenses shall be issued. An individual who holds a Class B journeyman ~~electrician's~~
 60.3 electrician license as of August 1, 1985, may retain and renew the license and exercise the
 60.4 privileges it grants, which include electrical work limited to single phase systems, not over
 60.5 200 amperes in capacity, on farmsteads or on single-family dwellings located in towns or
 60.6 municipalities with fewer than 2,500 inhabitants.

60.7 Subd. 3. **Class A installer.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, and
 60.8 6, any ~~person~~ individual holding a Class A installer license may lay out and install and
 60.9 supervise the laying out and installing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for
 60.10 major electrical home appliances on the load side of the main service on farmsteads and in
 60.11 any town or municipality with fewer than 1,500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to
 60.12 a city of the first class and does not contain an established business of a contractor. As
 60.13 of December 1, 2007, no new Class A installer licenses shall be issued. An individual
 60.14 who holds a Class A installer license as of December 1, 2007, may retain and renew the
 60.15 license and exercise the privileges it grants.

60.16 Subd. 3a. **Class B installer.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2
 60.17 and 6, any ~~person~~ individual holding a Class B installer license may lay out and install
 60.18 electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment on center pivot irrigation booms on the load
 60.19 side of the main service on farmsteads, and install such other electrical equipment as is
 60.20 ~~determined~~ approved by the ~~board~~ commissioner.

60.21 Subd. 3b. **Coursework or experience.** An applicant for a Class A or B installer
 60.22 license shall have completed a post high school course in electricity ~~acceptable to~~
 60.23 approved by the board commissioner or shall have had at least one ~~year's~~ year of
 60.24 experience, ~~acceptable to~~ approved by the board commissioner, in electrical wiring.

60.25 Subd. 3c. **Bond.** Every Class A and Class B installer, as a condition of licensure,
 60.26 shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful
 60.27 performance of all work contracted for or entered upon by the installer within the state of
 60.28 Minnesota, and such bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial
 60.29 loss by reason of failure of such performance. Such bond shall be in lieu of all other
 60.30 license bonds to any political subdivision of the state. Such bond shall be written by a
 60.31 corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota.

60.32 Subd. 3d. **Power limited technician.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law,
 60.33 no ~~person~~ individual shall install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, or supervise the installing,
 60.34 altering, ~~or~~ repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment
 60.35 for technology circuits or systems unless:

61.1 (1) the person individual is licensed by the board commissioner as a power limited
61.2 technician; and

61.3 (2) the electrical work is:

61.4 (i) for a licensed contractor and the person individual is an employee, partner, or
61.5 officer of, or is the licensed contractor; or

61.6 (ii) performed under the supervision of a master electrician or power limited
61.7 technician also employed by the person's individual's employer on technology circuits,
61.8 systems, apparatus, equipment, or facilities that are owned or leased by the employer and
61.9 that are located within the limits of property operated, maintained, and either owned or
61.10 leased, ~~operated, and maintained~~ by the employer.

61.11 (b) An applicant for a power limited technician's license shall (1) be a graduate of a
61.12 four-year electrical course in offered by an accredited college or university; or (2) have
61.13 had at least 36 months' experience, acceptable to the board commissioner, in planning
61.14 for, laying out, supervising, ~~and installing, altering, and repairing~~ wiring, apparatus, or
61.15 equipment for power limited systems, provided however, that the board commissioner
61.16 may by rule provide for the allowance of up to 12 months (2,000 hours) of experience
61.17 credit for successful completion of a two-year post high school electrical course or other
61.18 technical training approved by the board commissioner.

61.19 ~~(c) The board may initially set experience requirements without rulemaking, but
61.20 must adopt rules before July 1, 2004.~~

61.21 ~~(d) Licensees must attain eight hours of continuing education acceptable to the
61.22 board every renewal period.~~

61.23 ~~(e) A person who has submitted an application by June 30, 2003, to take the alarm
61.24 and communications examination administered by the board, and who has achieved a
61.25 minimal score of 70 percent on the examination by September 30, 2003, may obtain a
61.26 power limited technician license without further examination by submitting an application
61.27 and a license fee of \$30.~~

61.28 ~~(f)~~ (c) A company holding an alarm and communication license as of June 30, 2003,
61.29 may designate one person individual who may obtain a power limited technician license
61.30 without passing an examination administered by the board commissioner by submitting an
61.31 application and license fee of \$30.

61.32 ~~(g) A person who has submitted an application by September 30, 2005, to take the
61.33 power limited technician examination administered by the board is not required to meet
61.34 the qualifications set forth in paragraph (b).~~

61.35 Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, 6,
61.36 and 7, the board commissioner may by rule provide for the issuance of special electrician

62.1 licenses empowering the licensee to engage in a one or more of the following limited
 62.2 class or classes of electrical work, which class or classes shall be specified on the license
 62.3 certificate: elevator constructor, lineman, maintenance electrician, and master elevator
 62.4 constructor. Each licensee shall have had at least two years of experience, acceptable to
 62.5 the ~~board~~ commissioner, in each such limited class of work for which the licensee is
 62.6 licensed. The scope of each special electrician license created by the commissioner under
 62.7 this section shall be limited to that provided for by the rules adopted by the commissioner.

62.8 Subd. 5. **Unlicensed persons individuals.** (a) An unlicensed person individual
 62.9 shall not perform electrical work unless the work is performed under the personal direct
 62.10 supervision of ~~a person actually~~ an individual licensed to perform such work and the
 62.11 licensed ~~electrician individual~~ person individual and unlicensed persons individual are employed by the
 62.12 same employer. Licensed persons shall not permit unlicensed persons individuals to
 62.13 perform electrical work except under the personal direct supervision of ~~a person actually~~
 62.14 an individual licensed to perform ~~such the~~ electrical work. Unlicensed persons individuals
 62.15 shall not supervise the performance of electrical work or make assignments of electrical
 62.16 work to unlicensed persons individuals. Except for technology circuit or system work,
 62.17 each licensed persons individual shall supervise no more than two unlicensed persons
 62.18 individuals. For technology circuit or system work, each licensed persons individual shall
 62.19 supervise no more than three unlicensed persons individuals.

62.20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no person individual other
 62.21 than a licensed master electrician or licensed power limited technician shall plan or lay out
 62.22 electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, or other purposes, except
 62.23 circuits or systems exempted from personal licensing by subdivision 12, paragraph (b).

62.24 (c) Contractors employing unlicensed ~~persons performing~~ individuals to perform
 62.25 electrical work shall maintain records establishing compliance with this subdivision, ~~which~~
 62.26 that shall designate identify all unlicensed persons individuals performing electrical work,
 62.27 except for persons individuals working on circuits or systems exempted from personal
 62.28 licensing by subdivision 12, paragraph (b), and shall permit the ~~board~~ commissioner to
 62.29 examine and copy all such records as provided for in section 326.244, subdivision 6.

62.30 (d) When a licensed individual supervises the electrical work of an unlicensed
 62.31 individual, the licensed individual is responsible for ensuring that the electrical work
 62.32 complies with the Minnesota Electrical Act and all rules adopted under the act.

62.33 Subd. 6. **Contractor's license required.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no
 62.34 person individual other than an employee, partner, or officer of a licensed contractor, as
 62.35 defined by section ~~326.01~~ 326B.31, subdivision ~~5~~ 12, shall ~~undertake perform~~ or offer
 62.36 to ~~undertake to plan for, lay out, supervise or install or to make additions, alterations, or~~

63.1 ~~repairs in the installation of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for light, heat,~~
 63.2 ~~power, and other purposes~~ perform electrical work with or without compensation unless
 63.3 the person individual obtains a contractor's license. A contractor's license does not of itself
 63.4 qualify its holder to perform or supervise the electrical work authorized by holding any
 63.5 class of personal ~~electrical~~ license.

63.6 Subd. 6a. **Bond required.** As a condition of licensing, each contractor shall give
 63.7 and maintain bond to the state in the ~~penal~~ sum of ~~\$5,000~~ \$25,000 conditioned upon the
 63.8 faithful and lawful performance of all work ~~entered upon~~ contracted for or performed by
 63.9 the contractor within the state of Minnesota and such bond shall be for the benefit of
 63.10 persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of such performance. The
 63.11 bond shall be filed with the ~~board~~ commissioner and shall be in lieu of all other license
 63.12 bonds to any other political subdivision. Such bond shall be written by a corporate surety
 63.13 licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota.

63.14 Subd. 6b. **Insurance required.** Each contractor shall have and maintain in effect
 63.15 general liability insurance, which includes premises and operations insurance and products
 63.16 and completed operations insurance, with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence,
 63.17 \$300,000 aggregate limit for bodily injury, and property damage insurance with limits
 63.18 of at least ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 or a policy with a single limit for bodily injury and property
 63.19 damage of \$300,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 aggregate limits. Such insurance
 63.20 shall be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota and each
 63.21 contractor shall maintain on file with the ~~board~~ commissioner a certificate evidencing such
 63.22 insurance which provides that such insurance shall not be canceled without the insurer
 63.23 first giving 15 days written notice to the ~~board~~ commissioner of such cancellation.

63.24 Subd. 6c. **Employment of master electrician or power limited technician.** (a) ~~No~~
 63.25 ~~contractor shall engage in business of electrical contracting unless the contractor employs~~
 63.26 ~~a licensed Class A master or Class B~~ Each contractor must designate a responsible master
 63.27 electrician; or power limited technician, who shall be responsible for the performance of
 63.28 all electrical work in accordance with the requirements of sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
 63.29 326B.31 to 326B.399 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections. The
 63.30 classes of work ~~for which the~~ that a licensed contractor is authorized to perform shall be
 63.31 limited to ~~those for which such Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician,~~
 63.32 ~~or power limited technician employed by the contractor~~ the classes of work that the
 63.33 responsible master electrician or power limited electrician is licensed to perform.

63.34 (b) When a contractor's license is held by an individual, sole proprietorship,
 63.35 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation and the individual, proprietor, one
 63.36 of the partners, one of the members, or an officer of the corporation, respectively, is not

64.1 the responsible master electrician or power limited technician ~~of record~~, all requests for
 64.2 inspection shall be signed by the responsible master electrician or power limited technician
 64.3 ~~of record. The designated responsible master electrician or power limited technician of~~
 64.4 ~~record shall be employed by the individual, partnership, limited liability company, or~~
 64.5 ~~corporation which is applying for a contractor's license and shall not be employed in any~~
 64.6 ~~capacity as a licensed electrician or licensed technician by any other contractor or employer~~
 64.7 ~~designated in subdivision 12.~~ If the contractor is an individual or a sole proprietorship, the
 64.8 responsible licensed individual must be the individual, proprietor, or managing employee.
 64.9 If the contractor is a partnership, the responsible licensed individual must be a general
 64.10 partner or managing employee. If the licensed contractor is a limited liability company,
 64.11 the responsible licensed individual must be a chief manager or managing employee. If
 64.12 the contractor is a corporation, the responsible licensed individual must be an officer or
 64.13 managing employee. If the responsible licensed individual is a managing employee, the
 64.14 responsible licensed individual must be actively engaged in performing electrical work
 64.15 on behalf of the contractor, and cannot be employed in any capacity as an electrician
 64.16 or technician by any other contractor or employer designated in subdivision 12. An
 64.17 individual may be the responsible licensed individual for only one contractor or employer.

64.18 (c) All applications and renewals for contractor's contractor licenses and all renewals
 64.19 shall include a verified statement that the applicant or licensee has complied with this
 64.20 subdivision.

64.21 Subd. 7. **Examination.** In addition to the other requirements imposed herein
 64.22 described in this section and except as herein otherwise provided in subdivision 11, as
 64.23 a precondition to issuance of a personal license, each applicant must pass a written
 64.24 or oral examination given developed and administered by the board commissioner to
 64.25 insure ensure the competence of each applicant for license. An oral examination shall
 64.26 be administered only to an applicant who furnishes a written statement from a certified
 64.27 teacher or other professional, trained in the area of reading disabilities stating that the
 64.28 applicant has a specific reading disability which would prevent the applicant from
 64.29 performing satisfactorily on a written test. The oral examination shall be structured so that
 64.30 an applicant who passes the examination will not impair the applicant's own safety or that
 64.31 of others while acting as a licensed person individual. No person individual failing an
 64.32 examination may retake it for six months thereafter, but within such six months the person
 64.33 individual may take an examination for a lesser grade of license. Any licensee individual
 64.34 failing to renew a personal license for two years or more after its expiration, and any
 64.35 licensee whose personal license is revoked under this chapter, shall be required to retake
 64.36 the examination before being issued a new license. An individual whose personal license

65.1 is revoked under any other chapter is not required to retake the examination before being
 65.2 issued a new license, unless the personal license was revoked two years or more before the
 65.3 commissioner received the completed application for a new license. A licensee whose
 65.4 personal license is suspended for any reason is not required to retake the examination
 65.5 before the personal license is reinstated, unless the personal license has not been reinstated
 65.6 within two years after the suspension began.

65.7 An applicant for a personal license shall submit to the ~~board~~ commissioner an
 65.8 application and examination fee at the time of application. Upon approval of the
 65.9 application, the ~~board~~ commissioner shall schedule the applicant for the next available
 65.10 examination, which shall be held within 60 days. The applicant shall be allowed one
 65.11 opportunity to reschedule an examination without being required to submit another
 65.12 application and examination fee. Additionally, an applicant who fails an examination, or
 65.13 whose application ~~has been disapproved, must~~ was not approved, shall submit another
 65.14 application and examination fee.

65.15 **Subd. 8. License and renewal fees; expiration.** ~~All licenses issued hereunder shall~~
 65.16 ~~expire in a manner as provided by the board.~~ (a) Unless revoked or suspended under this
 65.17 chapter, all licenses issued or renewed under this section expire on the date specified
 65.18 in this subdivision. Master licenses expire March 1 of each odd-numbered year after
 65.19 issuance or renewal. Electrical contractor licenses expire March 1 of each even-numbered
 65.20 year after issuance or renewal. Technology system contractor licenses expire August 1 of
 65.21 each even-numbered year after issuance or renewal. Journeyman, installer, power limited
 65.22 technician, and special electrician licenses expire two years from the date of original
 65.23 issuance and every two years thereafter.

65.24 (b) Fees, as set by the board, shall be payable for application and examination, and
 65.25 for the original issuance and each subsequent renewal of the following, are:

65.26 (1) For each personal license application and examination: \$35;

65.27 ~~Class A Master:~~

65.28 ~~Class B Master:~~

65.29 ~~Class A Journeyman, Class B Journeyman, Installer, Power Limited Technician, or~~
 65.30 ~~Special Electrician:~~

65.31 (2) For original issuance of original license and each subsequent renewal of:

65.32 Class A Master: or master special electrician, including master elevator constructor:
 65.33 \$40 per year;

65.34 Class B Master: \$25 per year;

65.35 Power Limited Technician: \$15 per year;

66.1 Class A Journeyman, Class B Journeyman, Installer, or Special Electrician: other
 66.2 than master special electrician: \$15 per year;

66.3 ~~Electrical contractor: \$100 per year.~~

66.4 ~~Technology Systems Contractor:~~

66.5 (c) If any new license is issued in accordance with this subdivision for less than two
 66.6 years, the fee for the license shall be prorated on an annual basis.

66.7 (d) A license fee may not be refunded after a license is issued or renewed. However,
 66.8 if the fee paid for a license was not prorated in accordance with this subdivision, the
 66.9 amount of the overpayment shall be refunded.

66.10 (e) Any contractor who seeks reissuance of a license after it has been revoked or
 66.11 suspended under this chapter shall submit a reissuance fee of \$100 before the license is
 66.12 reinstated.

66.13 (f) The fee for the issuance of each duplicate license is \$15.

66.14 ~~(g)~~ (g) An individual or contractor who fails to renew a license before 30 days
 66.15 after the expiration of the license must submit a late fee equal to one year's license fee in
 66.16 addition to the full renewal fee. Fees for renewed licenses are not prorated. An individual
 66.17 or contractor that fails to renew a license by the expiration date is unlicensed until the
 66.18 license is renewed.

66.19 Subd. 8a. Continuing education. The commissioner shall adopt rules governing
 66.20 continuing education requirements for individuals licensed under this section.
 66.21 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14.125, the commissioner shall publish a notice
 66.22 of intent to adopt rules or a notice of hearing with respect to the proposed continuing
 66.23 education rules by January 4, 2010. Until such rules are effective, the commissioner shall
 66.24 enforce the continuing education requirements of Minnesota Rules, parts 3800.3601
 66.25 to 3800.3603.

66.26 ~~Subd. 9. Denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses. The board may by order~~
 66.27 ~~deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license, or may censure a licensee if the board~~
 66.28 ~~finds (1) in its discretion that the order is in the public interest and (2) that, based upon a~~
 66.29 ~~preponderance of the evidence presented, the applicant or licensee:~~

66.30 ~~(a) has filed an application for a license which is incomplete in any material respect~~
 66.31 ~~or contains any statement which, in light of the circumstances under which it is made, is~~
 66.32 ~~false or misleading with respect to any material fact;~~

66.33 ~~(b) has engaged in any fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest act or practice;~~

66.34 ~~(c) has been convicted within the past five years of a misdemeanor involving a~~
 66.35 ~~violation of sections 326.241 to 326.248;~~

67.1 ~~(d) has violated or failed to comply with sections 326.241 to 326.248 or any rule or~~
 67.2 ~~order adopted or issued under these sections; or~~

67.3 ~~(e) has, in the conduct of the applicant's or licensee's affairs, including, but~~
 67.4 ~~not limited to, the performance of electrical work, been shown to be incompetent or~~
 67.5 ~~untrustworthy.~~

67.6 ~~If a licensee engages in conduct that is proven by a preponderance of the evidence to~~
 67.7 ~~be a basis for discipline pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e), the conduct shall constitute a~~
 67.8 ~~violation of this subdivision. The board may take action under this subdivision or any~~
 67.9 ~~other law authorizing action against a licensee regardless of whether the underlying~~
 67.10 ~~conduct was willful.~~

67.11 ~~The board may adopt rules further specifying and defining actions, conduct, and~~
 67.12 ~~omissions that constitute fraudulent, deceptive, dishonest, or prohibited practices, and~~
 67.13 ~~establishing standards of conduct for applicants and licensees.~~

67.14 ~~Subd. 9a. **Civil penalties.** Whenever a preponderance of the evidence presented~~
 67.15 ~~proves that a person has violated or failed to comply with sections 326.241 to 326.248 or~~
 67.16 ~~any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections, the board may impose a civil~~
 67.17 ~~penalty upon the person in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per violation.~~

67.18 ~~Subd. 9b. **Orders for hearing.** The complaint committee may, on behalf of the~~
 67.19 ~~board, issue an order requiring a licensee or an applicant for a license to appear at a~~
 67.20 ~~hearing on the issue of whether the license should be revoked or suspended, the licensee~~
 67.21 ~~censured, the application denied, or a civil penalty imposed. The order shall be calculated~~
 67.22 ~~to give reasonable notice of the time and place for hearing, and shall state the reasons for~~
 67.23 ~~the entry of the order. All hearings shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 14.~~
 67.24 ~~After the hearing, the board shall enter an order making a disposition of the matter as the~~
 67.25 ~~facts require. If the licensee or applicant fails to appear at a hearing of which that person~~
 67.26 ~~has been duly notified, the person is in default and the proceeding may be determined~~
 67.27 ~~against that person upon consideration of the order for hearing, the allegations of which~~
 67.28 ~~may be deemed to be true.~~

67.29 ~~Subd. 9c. **Temporary suspension.** (a) The complaint committee may, on~~
 67.30 ~~behalf of the board and in the public interest, temporarily suspend a license pending~~
 67.31 ~~final determination of an order for hearing. The complaint committee shall not issue~~
 67.32 ~~a temporary suspension order until an investigation of the facts has been conducted~~
 67.33 ~~pursuant to section 214.10 by the attorney general. The complaint committee shall issue a~~
 67.34 ~~temporary suspension order only when the safety of life or property is threatened or to~~
 67.35 ~~prevent the commission of fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest acts against the public.~~
 67.36 ~~Service of the temporary suspension order is effective if the order is served on the licensee~~

68.1 ~~or counsel of record personally or by first class mail to the most recent address provided to~~
 68.2 ~~the board for the licensee or the counsel of record.~~

68.3 ~~(b) If a license is suspended pending final determination of an order for hearing, a~~
 68.4 ~~hearing on the merits shall be held within 45 days of the issuance of the order of temporary~~
 68.5 ~~suspension. The administrative law judge shall issue a report within 30 days after closing~~
 68.6 ~~of the contested case hearing record. The board shall issue a final order within 30 days~~
 68.7 ~~after receipt of that report and any exceptions:~~

68.8 ~~(c) If the licensee requests a hearing in writing within ten days of service of the~~
 68.9 ~~order, the board shall hold a hearing before its own members on the sole issue of whether~~
 68.10 ~~there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or vacate the temporary suspension. The~~
 68.11 ~~board shall hold the hearing within five working days of the licensee's request for hearing.~~
 68.12 ~~Evidence presented by the complaint committee or licensee shall be in affidavit form only.~~
 68.13 ~~The licensee or counsel of record for the licensee may appear for oral argument. Within~~
 68.14 ~~five working days after the hearing, the board shall issue its order either continuing or~~
 68.15 ~~vacating the temporary suspension:~~

68.16 ~~Subd. 9d. **Cease and desist order.** (a) Whenever it appears to the complaint~~
 68.17 ~~committee that any person has engaged or is about to engage in any act or practice~~
 68.18 ~~constituting a violation of sections 326.241 to 326.248, any other law authorizing the~~
 68.19 ~~issuance of a cease and desist order, or any rule or order adopted or issued under these~~
 68.20 ~~sections, the complaint committee may, on behalf of the board, issue and cause to be~~
 68.21 ~~served upon the person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from violating~~
 68.22 ~~sections 326.241 to 326.248 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections.~~
 68.23 ~~The complaint committee shall not issue a cease and desist order until an investigation of~~
 68.24 ~~the facts has been conducted pursuant to section 214.10 by the attorney general. The order~~
 68.25 ~~shall be calculated to give reasonable notice of the right of the person to request a hearing~~
 68.26 ~~and shall state the reasons for the entry of the order. If no hearing is requested of the board~~
 68.27 ~~within 15 days of service of the order, the order shall become final and shall remain in~~
 68.28 ~~effect until it is modified or vacated by the board and shall not be reviewable by a court.~~

68.29 ~~(b) A hearing shall be held not later than 30 days from the date of the board's receipt~~
 68.30 ~~of a written hearing request, unless otherwise agreed by the person requesting the hearing~~
 68.31 ~~and the complaint committee. Within 30 days of receipt of the administrative law judge's~~
 68.32 ~~report and any exceptions, the board shall issue a final order modifying, vacating, or~~
 68.33 ~~making permanent the cease and desist order as the facts require. The final order remains~~
 68.34 ~~in effect until modified or vacated by the board:~~

68.35 ~~Subd. 9e. **Costs of proceeding.** The board may impose a fee to reimburse the~~
 68.36 ~~board for all or part of the cost of the proceedings resulting in disciplinary action or~~

69.1 ~~the imposition of civil penalties or the issuance of a cease and desist order. Such fees~~
 69.2 ~~include, but are not limited to, the amount paid by the board for services from the office of~~
 69.3 ~~administrative hearings, attorney fees, court reporters, witnesses, reproduction of records,~~
 69.4 ~~board members' per diem compensation, board staff time, and expense incurred by board~~
 69.5 ~~members and staff.~~

69.6 ~~Subd. 9f. **District court action; injunctive relief and civil penalties.** (a) Whenever~~
 69.7 ~~it appears to the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by the board, that any~~
 69.8 ~~person has engaged or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of~~
 69.9 ~~sections 326.241 to 326.248 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections;~~
 69.10 ~~the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by the board, may bring an action~~
 69.11 ~~in the name of the board in the Ramsey County District Court or the district court of~~
 69.12 ~~any other county in which venue is proper.~~

69.13 ~~(b) The action may be brought to enjoin the acts or practices and to enforce~~
 69.14 ~~compliance with sections 326.241 to 326.248, any other law authorizing a civil or~~
 69.15 ~~injunctive action, or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections and for a civil~~
 69.16 ~~penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each separate violation of sections 326.241 to 326.248;~~
 69.17 ~~any other law authorizing a civil or injunctive action, or any rule or order adopted or~~
 69.18 ~~issued under these sections.~~

69.19 ~~(c) A temporary restraining order and other temporary injunctive relief shall be~~
 69.20 ~~granted in the proceeding whenever it appears that any person has engaged in or is about~~
 69.21 ~~to engage in any act, conduct, or practice constituting violation of sections 326.241 to~~
 69.22 ~~326.248, any other law authorizing a civil or injunctive action, or any rule or order adopted~~
 69.23 ~~or issued under these sections. The board shall not be required to show irreparable harm.~~

69.24 ~~Subd. 9g. **Other remedies.** The issuance of a cease and desist order or injunctive~~
 69.25 ~~relief under this section does not relieve a person from criminal prosecution by any~~
 69.26 ~~competent authority or from disciplinary action by the board and does not prevent the~~
 69.27 ~~board from exercising any other authority granted to it.~~

69.28 ~~Subd. 9h. **Powers additional.** The powers contained in subdivisions 9 to 9g are in~~
 69.29 ~~addition to all other powers of the board.~~

69.30 ~~Subd. 9i. **Cooperation required.** A person who is the subject of an investigation;~~
 69.31 ~~or who is questioned in connection with an investigation, by or on behalf of the board~~
 69.32 ~~or its complaint committee shall cooperate fully with the investigation. Cooperation~~
 69.33 ~~includes, but is not limited to:~~

69.34 ~~(1) responding fully and promptly to questions raised by or on behalf of the board or~~
 69.35 ~~its complaint committee relating to the subject of the investigation;~~

70.1 ~~(2) providing copies of records in the person's possession related to the matter under~~
 70.2 ~~investigation as requested by the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general~~
 70.3 ~~within the time limit set by the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general;~~

70.4 ~~(3) assisting the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general in its~~
 70.5 ~~investigation; and~~

70.6 ~~(4) appearing at conferences or hearings scheduled by the board or its complaint~~
 70.7 ~~committee.~~

70.8 ~~Subd. 9j. **Disciplinary proceedings closed.** Proceedings held before the board or~~
 70.9 ~~its complaint committee under chapter 214 or subdivisions 9 to 9d are exempt from the~~
 70.10 ~~requirements of section 13D.01.~~

70.11 ~~Subd. 9k. **Conflicts of law.** If there is a conflict between sections 326.241 to~~
 70.12 ~~326.248 and chapter 214, sections 326.241 to 326.248 shall control.~~

70.13 ~~Subd. 10. **Continuation of business by estates.** Upon the death of a master who is~~
 70.14 ~~a contractor, the board may permit the decedent's representative to carry on the business~~
 70.15 ~~of the decedent for a period not in excess of six months, for the purpose of completing~~
 70.16 ~~work under contract or otherwise to comply with sections 326.241 to 326.248. The~~
 70.17 ~~representative shall give such bond as the board may require conditioned upon the faithful~~
 70.18 ~~and lawful performance of such work and such bond shall be for the benefit of persons~~
 70.19 ~~injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of such performance. Such bond~~
 70.20 ~~shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota.~~
 70.21 ~~Such representative shall also comply with all public liability and property damage~~
 70.22 ~~insurance requirements imposed by this chapter upon a licensed contractor.~~

70.23 ~~Subd. 11. **Reciprocity Comity.** To the extent that any other state which provides~~
 70.24 ~~for the licensing of electricians provides for similar action the board may grant licenses;~~
 70.25 ~~without examination, of the same grade and class to an electrician who has been licensed~~
 70.26 ~~by such other state for at least one year, upon payment by the applicant of the required~~
 70.27 ~~fee and upon the board being furnished with proof that the required fee and upon the~~
 70.28 ~~board being furnished with proof that the qualifications of the applicant are equal to the~~
 70.29 ~~qualifications of holders of similar licenses in Minnesota. If the commissioner has entered~~
 70.30 ~~into an agreement with another state or group of states, the commissioner may issue~~
 70.31 ~~a personal license without requiring the applicant to pass an examination. To receive a~~
 70.32 ~~personal license under this subdivision, the applicant must submit an application under~~
 70.33 ~~section 326B.33, pay the fee required under section 326B.33, and hold a comparable~~
 70.34 ~~license in a state participating in the agreement. Agreements are subject to the following:~~

70.35 ~~(1) The parties to the agreement must administer a statewide licensing program that~~
 70.36 ~~includes examination and qualifying experience or training.~~

71.1 (2) The experience or training requirement under which an individual applicant
 71.2 qualified for examination in the qualifying state must be deemed equal to or greater than
 71.3 required for an applicant making application in Minnesota at the time the applicant
 71.4 acquired the license in the qualifying state.

71.5 (3) The applicant must have acquired the license in the qualifying state through an
 71.6 examination deemed equivalent to the same class of license examination in Minnesota.
 71.7 A lesser class of license may be granted where the applicant has acquired a greater
 71.8 class of license in the qualifying state and the applicant otherwise meets the conditions
 71.9 of this subdivision.

71.10 (4) At the time of application, the applicant must hold a valid license in the
 71.11 qualifying state and have held the license continuously for at least one year before making
 71.12 application in Minnesota.

71.13 (5) An applicant is not eligible for a license under this subdivision if the applicant
 71.14 has failed the same or greater class of license examination in Minnesota, or if the
 71.15 applicant's Minnesota license of the same or greater class has been revoked or suspended.

71.16 (6) An applicant who has failed to renew a personal license for two years or more
 71.17 after its expiration is not eligible for a license under this subdivision.

71.18 **Subd. 12. Exemptions from licensing.** (a) An individual who is a maintenance
 71.19 electrician who is supervised by the responsible master electrician for a contractor who
 71.20 has contracted with the maintenance electrician's employer to provide services for which
 71.21 a contractor's license is required or by a master electrician or an electrical engineer
 71.22 registered with the board and who is an employee of an employer and is engaged in the
 71.23 maintenance, and repair of electrical equipment, apparatus, and facilities owned or leased
 71.24 by the employer, and performed within the limits of property which is owned or leased
 71.25 and operated and maintained by said employer, shall is not be required to hold or obtain a
 71.26 license under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248.~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 if:

71.27 (1) the individual is engaged in the maintenance and repair of electrical equipment,
 71.28 apparatus, and facilities that are owned or leased by the individual's employer and that are
 71.29 located within the limits of property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased by
 71.30 the individual's employer;

71.31 (2) the individual is supervised by:

71.32 (i) the responsible master electrician for a contractor who has contracted with the
 71.33 individual's employer to provide services for which a contractor's license is required; or

71.34 (ii) a licensed master electrician, a licensed maintenance electrician, an electrical
 71.35 engineer, or, if the maintenance and repair work is limited to technology circuit and system
 71.36 work, a licensed power limited technician; and

72.1 (3) the individual's employer has filed with the commissioner a certificate of
 72.2 responsible person, signed by the responsible master electrician of the contractor, the
 72.3 licensed master electrician, the licensed maintenance electrician, the electrical engineer, or
 72.4 the licensed power limited technician, and stating that the person signing the certificate is
 72.5 responsible for ensuring that the maintenance and repair work performed by the employer's
 72.6 employees complies with the Minnesota Electrical Act and the rules adopted under that act.

72.7 (b) Employees of a licensed electrical or technology systems contractor or other
 72.8 employer where provided with supervision by a master electrician in accordance with
 72.9 subdivision 1, or power limited technician in accordance with subdivision 3d, paragraph
 72.10 (a), clause (1), are not required to hold a license under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
 72.11 326B.31 to 326B.399 for the planning, laying out, installing, altering, and repairing of
 72.12 technology circuits or systems except planning, laying out, or installing:

72.13 (1) in other than residential dwellings, class 2 or class 3 remote control circuits that
 72.14 control circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3, except circuits that interconnect
 72.15 these systems through communication, alarm, and security systems are exempted from
 72.16 this paragraph;

72.17 (2) class 2 or class 3 circuits in electrical cabinets, enclosures, or devices containing
 72.18 physically unprotected circuits other than class 2 or class 3; or

72.19 (3) technology circuits and systems in hazardous classified locations as covered by
 72.20 chapter 5 of the National Electrical Code.

72.21 (c) Companies and their employees that plan, lay out, install, alter, or repair class
 72.22 2 and class 3 remote control wiring associated with plug or cord and plug connected
 72.23 appliances other than security or fire alarm systems installed in a residential dwelling are
 72.24 not required to hold a license under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

72.25 (d) Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and their
 72.26 employees are not required to hold or obtain a license under sections ~~326.241 to~~
 72.27 ~~326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 when performing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or
 72.28 refrigeration work as described in section 326.245.

72.29 (e) Employees of any ~~electric~~ electrical, communications, or railway utility, cable
 72.30 communications company as defined in section 238.02, or a telephone company as defined
 72.31 under section 237.01 or its employees, or of any independent contractor performing work
 72.32 on behalf of any such utility, cable communications company, or telephone company, shall
 72.33 not be required to hold a license under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399:

72.34 (1) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are owned
 72.35 or leased, and operated and maintained by such utility, cable communications company, or
 72.36 telephone company in the exercise of its utility, antenna, or telephone function, and which

73.1 (i) are used exclusively for the generation, transformation, distribution, transmission,
 73.2 or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission
 73.3 of intelligence and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric
 73.4 current or provided service by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable
 73.5 communications company, or telephone company, and

73.6 (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications
 73.7 company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction, and

73.8 (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for
 73.9 communication systems;

73.10 (2) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are a part
 73.11 of the street lighting operations of such utility; or

73.12 (3) while installing or performing work on outdoor area lights which are directly
 73.13 connected to a utility's distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles,
 73.14 and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting
 73.15 under its control or direction.

73.16 (f) An owner shall not be required to hold or obtain a license under sections ~~326.241~~
 73.17 ~~to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

73.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that the
 73.19 amendments to subdivision 8 are effective July 1, 2007.

73.20 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.243, is amended to read:

73.21 **326.243 SAFETY STANDARDS.**

73.22 All electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment for ~~electric~~ electrical light, heat and
 73.23 power, technology circuits or systems shall comply with the rules of the department ~~of~~
 73.24 ~~Commerce or the Department of Labor and Industry, as applicable;~~ and be installed in
 73.25 conformity with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and property. For the
 73.26 purposes of this chapter, the rules and safety standards stated at the time the work is done
 73.27 in the then most recently published edition of the National Electrical Code as adopted by
 73.28 the National Fire Protection Association, Inc. and approved by the American National
 73.29 Standards Institute, and the National Electrical Safety Code as published by the Institute
 73.30 of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. and approved by the American National
 73.31 Standards Institute, shall be prima facie evidence of accepted standards of construction
 73.32 for safety to life and property; provided further, that in the event a Minnesota Building
 73.33 Code is formulated pursuant to section 16B.61, containing approved methods of electrical
 73.34 construction for safety to life and property, compliance with said methods of electrical

74.1 construction of said Minnesota Building Code shall also constitute compliance with this
 74.2 section, and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any political
 74.3 subdivision from making and enforcing more stringent requirements than set forth herein
 74.4 and such requirements shall be complied with by all licensed electricians working within
 74.5 the jurisdiction of such political subdivisions.

74.6 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.7 Subdivision 1. **Required inspection.** Except where any political subdivision has by
 74.8 ordinance provided for electrical inspection similar to that herein provided, every new
 74.9 electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement, or repair, except minor
 74.10 repair work as the same is defined by the ~~board~~ commissioner by rule, shall be inspected
 74.11 by the ~~board~~ commissioner for compliance with accepted standards of construction for
 74.12 safety to life and property.

74.13 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

74.14 Subd. 1a. **Technology systems.** (a) The installation of the technology circuits or
 74.15 systems described in paragraph (b), except:

74.16 (1) minor work performed by a contractor;

74.17 (2) work performed by a heating, ventilating, or air conditioning contractor as
 74.18 described in section 326.245; and

74.19 (3) work performed by cable company employees when installing cable
 74.20 communications systems or telephone company employees when installing telephone
 74.21 systems,

74.22 must be inspected as provided in this section for compliance with the applicable provisions
 74.23 of the National Electrical Code and the applicable provisions of the National Electrical
 74.24 Safety Code, as those codes were approved by the American National Standards Institute.

74.25 (b) The inspection requirements in paragraph (a) apply to:

74.26 (1) ~~remote control circuits controlling~~ class 2 or class 3 remote control circuits that
 74.27 control circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3 ~~and indoor lighting~~, except circuits
 74.28 that interconnect these systems exempted by section 326.242, subdivision 12, paragraph
 74.29 (b), other than fire alarm; class 2 or class 3 circuits in electrical cabinets, enclosures,
 74.30 or devices containing physically unprotected circuits other than class 2 or class 3; or
 74.31 technology circuits and systems in hazardous classified locations as covered by chapter 5
 74.32 of the National Electrical Code;

74.33 (2) fire alarm systems, other than in one- or two-family dwellings, as defined in
 74.34 articles 100 and 760 of the National Electrical Code;

75.1 (3) technology circuits and systems contained within critical care areas of health
 75.2 care facilities as defined by the safety standards identified in section 326.243, including,
 75.3 but not limited to, anesthesia and resuscitative alarm and alerting systems, medical
 75.4 monitoring, and nurse call systems; ~~and~~

75.5 (4) physical security systems within detention facilities; and

75.6 (5) circuitry and equipment for indoor lighting systems as defined in article 411
 75.7 of the National Electrical Code.

75.8 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision "minor work" means the adjustment or repair
 75.9 and replacement of worn or defective parts of a technology circuit or system. Minor work
 75.10 may be inspected under this section at the request of the owner of the property or the
 75.11 person doing the work.

75.12 (d) Notwithstanding this subdivision, if an electrical inspector observes that a
 75.13 contractor, employer, or owner has not complied with accepted standards when the
 75.14 work was performed, as provided in the most recent editions of the National Electrical
 75.15 Code and the National Electrical Safety Code as approved by the American National
 75.16 Standards Institute, the inspector may order the contractor, employer, or owner who has
 75.17 performed the work to file a request for electrical inspection, pay an inspection fee, and
 75.18 make any necessary repairs to comply with applicable standards and require that the
 75.19 work be inspected.

75.20 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, is amended by adding a subdivision
 75.21 to read:

75.22 Subd. 1b. **Licenses; bond.** All inspectors shall hold licenses as master or
 75.23 journeyman electricians under this chapter. All inspectors under contract with the
 75.24 department to provide electrical inspection services shall give bond in the amount of
 75.25 \$1,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties.

75.26 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.27 Subd. 2. **Procedure.** (a) At or before commencement of any installation required
 75.28 to be inspected by the ~~board~~ commissioner, the contractor, installer, special electrician,
 75.29 or owner making the installation shall submit to the ~~board~~ commissioner a request
 75.30 for inspection, in a form prescribed by the ~~board~~ commissioner, together with the fees
 75.31 required for the installation.

75.32 (b) The fees required are a handling fee and an inspection fee. The handling fee shall
 75.33 be set by the ~~board~~ commissioner in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of printing and
 75.34 handling the form requesting an inspection. The inspection fee shall be set by the ~~board~~

76.1 commissioner in an amount sufficient to pay the actual costs of the inspection and the
76.2 ~~board's~~ commissioner's costs in administering the inspection. All fees shall be set pursuant
76.3 to the procedure of sections 14.001 to 14.69.

76.4 (c) If the inspector finds that the installation is not in compliance with accepted
76.5 standards of construction for safety to life and property as required by section 326.243, the
76.6 inspector shall by written order condemn the installation or noncomplying portion thereof,
76.7 or order service to the installation disconnected, and shall send a copy of the order to
76.8 the ~~board~~ commissioner. If the installation or the noncomplying part will seriously and
76.9 proximately endanger human life and property, the order of the inspector, when approved
76.10 by the inspector's superior, shall require immediate condemnation or disconnection. In
76.11 all other cases, the order of the inspector shall permit a reasonable opportunity for the
76.12 installation to be brought into compliance with accepted standards of construction for
76.13 safety to life and property prior to the effective time established for condemnation or
76.14 disconnection.

76.15 (d) Copies of each condemnation or disconnection order shall be served personally
76.16 or by mail upon the property owner, and the contractor, installer, or special electrician
76.17 making the installation, and other persons as the ~~board~~ commissioner by rule may direct.
76.18 An aggrieved party may appeal any condemnation or disconnection order by filing with the
76.19 ~~board~~ commissioner a notice of appeal within ten days after (1) service upon the aggrieved
76.20 party of the condemnation or disconnection order, if this service is required, or (2) filing
76.21 of the order with the ~~board~~ commissioner, whichever is later. The appeal shall proceed
76.22 and the order of the inspector shall have the effect the order, by its terms, and the rules of
76.23 the ~~board~~ commissioner provides. The ~~board~~ commissioner shall adopt rules providing
76.24 procedures for the conduct of appeals, including provisions for the stay of enforcement of
76.25 the order of the inspector pending such appeal when justified by the circumstances.

76.26 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

76.27 Subd. 3. **Duty of electrical utility.** No electrical installation subject to inspection
76.28 by the ~~board~~ commissioner shall be newly connected or reconnected for use until there
76.29 is filed with the electrical utility supplying power a certificate of the property owner or
76.30 licensed electrician, directing the work that inspection has been requested and that the
76.31 conditions of the installation are safe for energization, provided further, that in all cases
76.32 where an order of condemnation or disconnection has been issued against the installation
76.33 or any part thereof, prior to connection or reconnection there shall also first be filed with
76.34 the electrical utility supplying the power a copy of an order of the inspector or the ~~board~~
76.35 commissioner dismissing such prior order of condemnation or disconnection or approving

77.1 the installation as being in compliance with accepted standards of construction for safety
 77.2 to life and property. With respect to transient projects, the aforesaid certificate shall also
 77.3 contain a certification that the request for inspection has been or will be filed with the
 77.4 ~~board~~ commissioner so as to be received by it at least five days prior to the date and time
 77.5 energization of the installation by the utility is to occur, and that the request for inspection
 77.6 states such date and time, and it shall be the responsibility of the ~~board~~ commissioner
 77.7 to have inspection of such transient project occur prior to the date and time at which
 77.8 the request states energization is to occur.

77.9 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

77.10 Subd. 4. **Powers of political subdivisions.** Any political subdivision or the
 77.11 University of Minnesota may make provision for inspection of electrical installations
 77.12 within its jurisdiction, in which case it shall keep on file with the ~~board~~ commissioner
 77.13 copies of its current inspection ordinances and codes. No political subdivision or the
 77.14 University of Minnesota shall require any individual, partnership, corporation or other
 77.15 business association holding a license from the ~~board~~ commissioner under sections
 77.16 ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 to pay any license or registration fee, provided
 77.17 however, that any such political subdivision or the University of Minnesota may provide
 77.18 by ordinance a requirement that each individual, partnership, corporation or other business
 77.19 association doing electrical work within the jurisdiction of such political subdivision or
 77.20 the University of Minnesota have on file with said political subdivision a copy of the
 77.21 current license issued by the ~~board~~ commissioner or such other evidence of such license as
 77.22 may be provided by the ~~board~~ commissioner.

77.23 Each electrical inspector of any political subdivision or the University of Minnesota
 77.24 shall be a licensed master or journeyman electrician under section 326.242, subdivision
 77.25 1, paragraph (1), or 2, paragraph (b), and shall not otherwise engage or be employed in
 77.26 the sale, installing, altering, or repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for
 77.27 light, heat, power, and other purposes and shall have no financial interest in any concern
 77.28 engaged in any such business.

77.29 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

77.30 Subd. 5. **Exemptions from inspections.** Installations, materials, or equipment shall
 77.31 not be subject to inspection under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399:

77.32 (1) when owned or leased, operated and maintained by any employer whose
 77.33 maintenance electricians are exempt from licensing under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~

78.1 326B.31 to 326B.399, while performing electrical maintenance work only as defined by
78.2 ~~board~~ Department of Labor and Industry rule;

78.3 (2) when owned or leased, and operated and maintained by any ~~electric~~ electrical,
78.4 communications, or railway utility, cable communications company as defined in section
78.5 238.02, or telephone company as defined under section 237.01, in the exercise of its
78.6 utility, antenna, or telephone function; and

78.7 (i) are used exclusively for the generations, transformation, distribution,
78.8 transmission, or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the
78.9 transmission of intelligence, and do not have as a principal function the consumption or
78.10 use of electric current by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable
78.11 communications company, or telephone company; and

78.12 (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications
78.13 company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction; and

78.14 (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for
78.15 communication systems;

78.16 (3) when used in the street lighting operations of an ~~electric~~ electrical utility;

78.17 (4) when used as outdoor area lights which are owned and operated by an ~~electric~~
78.18 electrical utility and which are connected directly to its distribution system and located
78.19 upon the utility's distribution poles, and which are generally accessible only to employees
78.20 of such utility or persons acting under its control or direction;

78.21 (5) when the installation, material, and equipment are in facilities subject to the
78.22 jurisdiction of the federal Mine Safety and Health Act; or

78.23 (6) when the installation, material, and equipment is part of an elevator installation
78.24 for which the elevator contractor, licensed under section 326.242, is required to obtain
78.25 a permit from the authority having jurisdiction as provided by section 16B.747, and
78.26 the inspection has been or will be performed by an elevator inspector certified ~~by the~~
78.27 ~~Department of Administration~~ and licensed by the ~~Board of Electricity~~ department.

78.28 This exemption shall apply only to installations, material, and equipment permitted
78.29 or required to be connected on the load side of the disconnecting means required for
78.30 elevator equipment under National ~~Electric~~ Electrical Code Article 620, and elevator
78.31 communications and alarm systems within the machine room, car, hoistway, or elevator
78.32 lobby.

78.33 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.2441, is amended to read:

78.34 **326.2441 INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE.**

79.1 Subdivision 1. **Schedule.** State electrical inspection fees shall be ~~paid according~~
79.2 ~~to~~ calculated in accordance with subdivisions 2 to ~~13~~ 15.

79.3 Subd. 2. **Fee for each separate inspection.** The minimum fee for each separate
79.4 inspection of an installation, replacement, alteration, or repair is ~~\$20.~~ \$35. Except as
79.5 otherwise provided in this section, the maximum number of separate inspections allowed
79.6 without payment of an additional fee is the whole number resulting from dividing by
79.7 35 the total fee calculated in accordance with this section. Where additional separate
79.8 inspections are necessary, additional fees are required to result in a value equal to the total
79.9 number of separate inspections multiplied by 35. The fee for any inspections needed after
79.10 a "final inspection" is performed shall be calculated without consideration of any fee
79.11 paid before the final inspection.

79.12 Subd. 3. **Fee for services, generators, other power supply sources, or feeders to**
79.13 **separate structures.** The inspection fee for the installation, addition, alteration, or repair
79.14 of each service, change of service, temporary service, generator, other power supply
79.15 source, or feeder to a separate structure is:

- 79.16 (1) 0 ampere to and including 400 ampere capacity, ~~\$25~~ \$35;
- 79.17 (2) 401 ampere to and including 800 ampere capacity, ~~\$50~~ \$60; and
- 79.18 (3) ampere capacity above 800, ~~\$75~~ \$100.

79.19 Where multiple disconnects are grouped at a single location and are supplied by a
79.20 single set of supply conductors the cumulative rating of the overcurrent devices shall be
79.21 used to determine the supply ampere capacity.

79.22 Subd. 4. **Fee for circuits, feeders, feeder taps, or sets of transformer secondary**
79.23 **conductors.** The inspection fee for the installation, addition, alteration, or repair of
79.24 each circuit, feeder, feeder tap, or set of transformer secondary conductors, including
79.25 the equipment served, is:

- 79.26 (1) 0 ampere to and including 200 ampere capacity, ~~\$5~~ \$6; and
- 79.27 (2) ampere capacity above 200, ~~\$10~~ \$15.

79.28 Where existing feeders and circuits are reconnected to overcurrent devices installed
79.29 as part of the replacement of an existing disconnect, switchboard, motor control center, or
79.30 panelboard, the inspection fee for each circuit or feeder is \$2.

79.31 Subd. 5. ~~Limitations to fees of subdivisions 3 and 4~~ **Inspection fee for dwellings.**
79.32 (a) The inspection fee for a one-family dwelling and each dwelling unit of a two-family
79.33 dwelling ~~with a supply of up to 500 amperes where a combination of ten or more sources~~
79.34 ~~of supply, feeders, or circuits are installed, added, altered, repaired, or extended is \$80.~~ is
79.35 the following:

- 79.36 (1) the fee for each service or other (1) source of power as provided in subdivision 3;

80.1 (2) \$100 for up to 30 feeders and circuits; and

80.2 (3) for each additional feeder or circuit, the fee as provided in subdivision 4.

80.3 This fee applies to each separate installation for new dwellings and ~~additions, alterations,~~
 80.4 ~~or repairs to existing dwellings and includes not more than two inspections.~~ where 15
 80.5 or more feeders or circuits are installed or extended in connection with any addition,
 80.6 alteration, or repair to existing dwellings. Where existing feeders and circuits are
 80.7 reconnected to overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement of an existing
 80.8 panelboard, the fee for each reconnected feeder or circuit is \$2. The maximum number
 80.9 of separate inspections shall be determined in accordance with subdivision 2. The
 80.10 ~~to~~ fee for additional inspections or other installations is that specified in subdivisions 2
 80.11 to, 4, 6, and 8. The installer may submit fees for additional inspections when filing the
 80.12 request for electrical inspection. The fee for each detached accessory structure directly
 80.13 associated with a dwelling unit shall be calculated in accordance with subdivisions 3 and
 80.14 4. When included on the same request for electrical inspection form, inspection fees for
 80.15 detached accessory structures directly associated with the dwelling unit may be combined
 80.16 with the dwelling unit fees to determine the maximum number of separate inspections in
 80.17 accordance with subdivision 2.

80.18 (b) The inspection fee for each dwelling unit of a multifamily dwelling with three
 80.19 ~~to 12~~ or more dwelling units is \$50 and the fee for each additional dwelling unit is \$25.
 80.20 \$70 for a combination of up to 20 feeders and circuits and \$6 for each additional feeder
 80.21 or circuit. This fee applies to each separate installation for each new dwelling unit and
 80.22 where ten or more feeders or circuits are installed or extended in connection with any
 80.23 addition, alteration, or repair to existing dwelling units. Where existing feeders or circuits
 80.24 are reconnected to overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement of an existing
 80.25 panelboard, the fee for each reconnected feeder or circuit is \$2. The maximum number
 80.26 of separate inspections for each dwelling unit shall be determined in accordance with
 80.27 subdivision 2. The fee for additional inspections or for inspection of other installations
 80.28 is that specified in subdivisions 2, 4, 6, and 8. These fees include only inspection of the
 80.29 wiring within individual dwelling units and the final feeder to that unit. This limitation is
 80.30 subject to the following conditions:

80.31 ~~(1)~~ where the multifamily dwelling is provided with common service equipment
 80.32 and each dwelling unit is supplied by a separate feeder or feeders extended from common
 80.33 service or distribution equipment. The fee for multifamily dwelling services or other
 80.34 power source supplies and all other circuits is that specified in subdivisions 2 to 4; and,

81.1 ~~(2) this limitation applies only to new installations for multifamily dwellings where~~
 81.2 ~~the majority of the individual dwelling units are available for inspection during each~~
 81.3 ~~inspection trip.~~

81.4 (c) A separate request for electrical inspection form must be filed for each dwelling
 81.5 unit that is supplied with an individual set of service entrance conductors. These fees are
 81.6 the one-family dwelling rate specified in paragraph (a).

81.7 Subd. 6. **Additions to fees of subdivisions 3 to 5.** (a) The fee for the electrical
 81.8 supply for each manufactured home park lot is ~~\$25~~ \$35. This fee includes the service or
 81.9 feeder conductors up to and including the service equipment or disconnecting means.
 81.10 The fee for feeders and circuits that extend from the service or disconnecting means is
 81.11 that specified in subdivision 4.

81.12 (b) The fee for each recreational vehicle site electrical supply equipment is ~~\$5~~ \$6
 81.13 for each circuit originating within the equipment. The fee for recreational vehicle park
 81.14 services, feeders, and circuits is that specified in subdivisions 3 and 4.

81.15 (c) The fee for each street, parking lot, or outdoor area lighting standard is ~~\$1~~, and ~~the~~
 81.16 ~~fee for~~ each traffic signal standard is \$5. Circuits originating within the standard or traffic
 81.17 signal controller shall not be used when ~~computing~~ calculating the fee for each standard.

81.18 (d) The fee for transformers for light, heat, and power is ~~\$10~~ \$15 for transformers
 81.19 rated up to ten kilovolt-amperes and ~~\$20~~ \$30 for transformers rated in excess of ten
 81.20 kilovolt-amperes. The previous sentence does not apply to Class 1 transformers or power
 81.21 supplies for Class 1 power-limited circuits or to Class 2 or Class 3 transformers or power
 81.22 supplies.

81.23 (e) The fee for transformers and electronic power supplies for electric signs and
 81.24 outline lighting is \$5 per unit.

81.25 (f) The fee for ~~alarm, communication, remote control, and signaling technology~~
 81.26 circuits or systems, and circuits of less than 50 volts, is ~~50~~ 75 cents for each system device
 81.27 or apparatus.

81.28 (g) The fee for each separate inspection of the bonding for a swimming pool, spa,
 81.29 fountain, an equipotential plane for an agricultural confinement area, or similar installation
 81.30 ~~shall be \$20~~ is \$35. Bonding conductors and connections require an inspection before
 81.31 being concealed.

81.32 (h) The fee for all wiring installed on center pivot irrigation booms is ~~\$40~~ \$35 plus
 81.33 \$5 for each electrical drive unit.

81.34 (i) The fee for retrofit modifications to existing lighting fixtures is 25 cents per
 81.35 lighting fixture luminaire.

82.1 (j) When a separate inspection of a concrete-encased grounding electrode is
 82.2 performed, the fee is \$35.

82.3 (k) The fees required by subdivisions 3 and 4 are doubled for installations over
 82.4 600 volts.

82.5 **Subd. 7. Investigation fees: work without a request for electrical inspection.**

82.6 (a) Whenever any work for which a request for electrical inspection is required ~~by the~~
 82.7 ~~board~~ has begun without the request for electrical inspection form being filed with the
 82.8 ~~board~~ commissioner, a special investigation shall be made before a request for electrical
 82.9 inspection form is accepted ~~by the board~~.

82.10 (b) An investigation fee, in addition to the full fee required by subdivisions 1
 82.11 to 6, shall be paid before an inspection is made. The investigation fee is two times the
 82.12 ~~hourly rate~~ minimum fee specified in subdivision ~~10~~ 2 or the inspection fee required
 82.13 by subdivisions 1 to 6, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$1,000. The payment of the
 82.14 investigation fee does not exempt any person from compliance with all other provisions of
 82.15 the ~~board~~ department rules or statutes nor from any penalty prescribed by law.

82.16 **Subd. 8. Reinspection fee.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 2 and 5,
 82.17 when reinspection is necessary to determine whether unsafe conditions identified during a
 82.18 final inspection have been corrected and the conditions are not the subject of an appeal
 82.19 pending before the ~~board~~ commissioner or any court, a reinspection fee of ~~\$20~~ may \$35
 82.20 shall be assessed in writing by the inspector.

82.21 **Subd. 9. Supplemental fee.** When inspections scheduled by the installer are
 82.22 preempted, obstructed, prevented, or otherwise not able to be completed as scheduled due
 82.23 to circumstances beyond the control of the inspector, a supplemental inspection fee of
 82.24 ~~\$20~~ may \$35 shall be assessed in writing by the inspector.

82.25 **Subd. 10. Special inspection.** For inspections not covered in this section, or for
 82.26 requested special inspections or services, the fee ~~shall be \$30~~ is \$80 per hour, including
 82.27 travel time, plus ~~31 cents~~ the standard mileage rate per mile traveled, plus the reasonable
 82.28 cost of equipment or material consumed. This provision is applicable to inspection
 82.29 of empty conduits and other jobs as may be determined by the ~~board~~ commissioner.
 82.30 This fee may also be assessed when installations are not accessible by roadway and
 82.31 require alternate forms of transportation: or are located in the Northwest Angle, or when
 82.32 inspections are performed outside of Minnesota. For purposes of this subdivision,
 82.33 the standard mileage rate is the standard mileage rate effective at the time of travel,
 82.34 as established by the Internal Revenue Service for computing the deductible costs of
 82.35 operating an automobile for business expense purposes.

83.1 Subd. 11. **Inspection of transitory projects.** (a) For inspection of transitory
 83.2 projects including, but not limited to, festivals, fairs, carnivals, circuses, shows, production
 83.3 sites, and portable road construction plants, the inspection procedures and fees are as
 83.4 specified in paragraphs (b) to (i).

83.5 (b) The fee for inspection of each generator or other source of supply is that specified
 83.6 in subdivision 3. A like fee is required at each engagement or setup.

83.7 (c) In addition to the fee for generators or other sources of supply, there must be an
 83.8 inspection of all installed feeders, circuits, and equipment at each engagement or setup at
 83.9 the hourly rate specified in subdivision 10, with a ~~two-hour~~ one-hour minimum.

83.10 (d) An owner, operator, or appointed representative of a transitory enterprise
 83.11 including, but not limited to, festivals, fairs, carnivals, circuses, production companies,
 83.12 shows, portable road construction plants, and similar enterprises shall notify the ~~board~~
 83.13 commissioner of its itinerary or schedule and make application for initial inspection a
 83.14 minimum of 14 days before its first engagement or setup. An owner, operator, or appointed
 83.15 representative of a transitory enterprise who fails to notify the ~~board~~ commissioner 14
 83.16 days before its first engagement or setup may be subject to the investigation fees specified
 83.17 in subdivision 7. The owner, operator, or appointed representative shall request inspection
 83.18 and pay the inspection fee for each subsequent engagement or setup at the time of the initial
 83.19 inspection. For subsequent engagements or setups not listed on the itinerary or schedule
 83.20 submitted to the ~~board~~ commissioner and where the ~~board~~ commissioner is not notified at
 83.21 least 48 hours in advance, a charge of \$100 may be made in addition to all required fees.

83.22 (e) Amusement rides, devices, concessions, attractions, or other units must be
 83.23 inspected at their first appearance of the year. The inspection fee is ~~\$20~~ \$35 per unit with a
 83.24 supply of up to 60 amperes and ~~\$30~~ \$40 per unit with a supply above 60 amperes.

83.25 (f) An additional fee at the hourly rate specified in subdivision 10 must be charged
 83.26 for additional time spent by each inspector if equipment is not ready or available for
 83.27 inspection at the time and date specified on the application for initial inspection or the
 83.28 request for electrical inspection form.

83.29 (g) In addition to the fees specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), a fee of ~~two hours~~ one
 83.30 hour at the hourly rate specified in subdivision 10 must be charged for inspections required
 83.31 to be performed on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or after regular business hours.

83.32 (h) The fee for reinspection of corrections or supplemental inspections where an
 83.33 additional trip is necessary may be assessed as specified in subdivision 8.

83.34 (i) The ~~board may~~ commissioner shall retain the inspection fee when an owner,
 83.35 operator, or appointed representative of a transitory enterprise fails to notify the ~~board~~
 83.36 commissioner at least 48 hours in advance of a scheduled inspection that is canceled.

84.1 Subd. 11a. **Negotiated fee.** When the fee calculated in accordance with subdivisions
 84.2 2 to 11 results in a total fee that unreasonably exceeds the cost of inspection, the
 84.3 commissioner may negotiate a fee that more reasonably offsets the cost of inspection.

84.4 Subd. 12. **Handling fee.** The handling fee to pay the cost of printing and handling
 84.5 of the paper form requesting an electrical inspection is up to \$1.

84.6 Subd. 13. **National Electrical Code used for interpretation of provisions.** For
 84.7 purposes of interpretation of this section and Minnesota Rules, chapter 3800, the most
 84.8 recently adopted edition of the National Electrical Code shall be prima facie evidence of
 84.9 the definitions, interpretations, and scope of words and terms used.

84.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

84.11 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.245, is amended to read:

84.12 **326.245 MANUFACTURED ELECTRICAL PARTS; EXEMPTION.**

84.13 Subdivision 1. **Manufacturers.** Electrical components, apparatus, or appliances
 84.14 being manufactured within the limits of property which is owned or leased by a
 84.15 manufacturer and such manufacturer's production employees are not covered by sections
 84.16 ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

84.17 Subd. 2. **Electrical appliance units.** Installation, alteration, or repair of electrical
 84.18 appliance units are not covered by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399. For
 84.19 the purposes of this section, "electrical appliance units" means all electrical and fossil
 84.20 fuel appliances that use electricity including, but not limited to, furnaces, water heaters,
 84.21 stoves, clothes washers, dryers, and dishwashers. The installation of electrical wiring to an
 84.22 electrical appliance unit is covered by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

84.23 Subd. 3. **Other units.** Planning, laying out, and installation of heating, ventilating,
 84.24 air conditioning, or refrigeration units are not covered by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
 84.25 326B.31 to 326B.399. For purposes of this section, heating, ventilating, air conditioning,
 84.26 or refrigeration units include, but are not limited to, air conditioning units, air conditioning
 84.27 evaporators, air conditioning condensers, air conditioning and refrigeration chillers,
 84.28 boilers, furnaces, air handling units, rooftop units, humidifiers, ice makers, and
 84.29 supermarket, ice arena, and bar/restaurant equipment. The installation of electrical wiring
 84.30 to the unit is covered by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

84.31 Subd. 4. **Other equipment.** Planning, laying out, alteration, replacement, or
 84.32 repair of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration equipment, and associated
 84.33 devices, controls, and wiring including wiring in or on the equipment, are not covered
 84.34 by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 when the work is performed by an

85.1 employee of a heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration contractor provided
 85.2 that the employee performing the work has received a certificate of completion from a
 85.3 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration apprenticeship program approved
 85.4 by the state of Minnesota or any class of personal ~~electrical~~ license issued by the ~~board~~
 85.5 commissioner. Employees registered in an approved heating, ventilating, air conditioning,
 85.6 or refrigeration program may design, plan, alter, replace, or repair heating, ventilating, air
 85.7 conditioning, or refrigeration equipment, devices, and controls including wiring in or on
 85.8 the equipment, under the direction of an employee who has a certificate of completion
 85.9 from an approved program or any class of personal ~~electrical~~ license issued by the ~~board~~
 85.10 commissioner. The installation of electrical wiring to the unit is covered by sections
 85.11 ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

85.12 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.247, is amended to read:

85.13 **326.247 CONTINUITY.**

85.14 ~~Persons~~ Individuals now members of the ~~board~~ advisory council shall remain
 85.15 ~~in office~~ on the advisory council until the expiration of the terms to which they were
 85.16 appointed. ~~Board rules, forms, policies and classifications of special electricians now in~~
 85.17 ~~effect, and not in conflict herewith, shall continue until lawfully modified or repealed.~~

85.18 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.248, is amended to read:

85.19 **326.248 CITATION.**

85.20 Sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 shall be known as the Minnesota
 85.21 Electrical Act.

85.22 Sec. 29. **[326B.31] DEFINITIONS.**

85.23 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of sections 326B.31 to 326B.399, the terms
 85.24 defined in this section have the meanings given them.

85.25 Subd. 2. **Advisory council.** "Advisory council" means the Electrical Licensing and
 85.26 Inspection Advisory Council authorized by section 326B.32.

85.27 Subd. 3. **Class A electrical contractor.** "Class A electrical contractor" means a
 85.28 licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed Class A master
 85.29 electrician.

85.30 Subd. 7. **Class B electrical contractor.** "Class B electrical contractor" means a
 85.31 licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed Class B master
 85.32 electrician.

86.1 Subd. 11. **Complaint committee.** "Complaint committee" means the committee
 86.2 of the advisory council that is described as the complaint committee in section 326B.32,
 86.3 subdivision 1a.

86.4 Subd. 16. **Elevator constructor.** "Elevator constructor" means an individual who
 86.5 has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to wire for,
 86.6 install, and repair electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for elevators and escalators
 86.7 and who is licensed as an elevator constructor by the commissioner.

86.8 Subd. 17. **Elevator contractor.** "Elevator contractor" means a licensed contractor
 86.9 whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed master elevator constructor.

86.10 Subd. 18. **Licensed electrician.** "Licensed electrician" means an individual licensed
 86.11 by the commissioner as a master electrician, journeyman electrician, installer, or power
 86.12 limited technician.

86.13 Subd. 19. **Lineman.** "Lineman" means an individual who has the necessary
 86.14 qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to construct and maintain
 86.15 transmission and distribution systems that are or will be owned or leased by an electrical
 86.16 utility, and who is licensed as a lineman by the commissioner.

86.17 Subd. 20. **Maintenance electrician.** "Maintenance electrician" means an individual
 86.18 having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to
 86.19 properly maintain and repair electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment, who is licensed
 86.20 as a maintenance electrician by the commissioner, or who is exempt from licensing by
 86.21 sections 326B.32 to 326B.399.

86.22 Subd. 21. **Master elevator constructor.** "Master elevator constructor" means
 86.23 an individual who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical
 86.24 knowledge to properly plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus,
 86.25 and equipment for elevators and escalators, and who is licensed as a master elevator
 86.26 constructor by the commissioner.

86.27 Subd. 23. **Personal license.** "Personal license" means any license issued by the
 86.28 commissioner under section 326B.33 or the rules adopted under section 326B.33, except a
 86.29 contractor's license.

86.30 Subd. 27. **Responsible licensed individual.** A contractor's "responsible licensed
 86.31 individual" means the licensed Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician,
 86.32 master elevator constructor, or power limited technician designated in writing by the
 86.33 contractor in the contractor's license application, or in another manner acceptable to the
 86.34 commissioner, as the individual responsible for the contractor's compliance with sections
 86.35 326B.31 to 326B.399 and all rules and orders adopted or issued under these sections. The

87.1 terms "licensed responsible individual" and "licensed responsible master electrician or
 87.2 power limited technician" are synonymous.

87.3 Subd. 29. **Technical committee.** "Technical committee" means the committee of
 87.4 the advisory council that is described as the technical committee in section 326B.32,
 87.5 subdivision 1a.

87.6 Subd. 30. **Technical program committee.** "Technical program committee" means
 87.7 the committee of the advisory council that is described as the technical program committee
 87.8 in section 326B.32, subdivision 1a.

87.9 Subd. 32. **Technology system contractor.** "Technology system contractor" means
 87.10 a licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed power limited
 87.11 technician.

87.12 **Sec. 30. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

87.13 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 87.14 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 87.15 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
87.16		
87.17	<u>326.01, subd. 2</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 6</u>
87.18	<u>326.01, subd. 3</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 5</u>
87.19	<u>326.01, subd. 4</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 28</u>
87.20	<u>326.01, subd. 5</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 12</u>
87.21	<u>326.01, subd. 6</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 10</u>
87.22	<u>326.01, subd. 6a</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 9</u>
87.23	<u>326.01, subd. 6b</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 4</u>
87.24	<u>326.01, subd. 6c</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 8</u>
87.25	<u>326.01, subd. 6e</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 22</u>
87.26	<u>326.01, subd. 6f</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 15</u>
87.27	<u>326.01, subd. 6g</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 14</u>
87.28	<u>326.01, subd. 6i</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 13</u>
87.29	<u>326.01, subd. 6j</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 26</u>
87.30	<u>326.01, subd. 6k</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 24</u>
87.31	<u>326.01, subd. 6l</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 31</u>
87.32	<u>326.01, subd. 6m</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 25</u>
87.33	<u>326.241</u>	<u>326B.32</u>
87.34	<u>326.242</u>	<u>326B.33</u>
87.35	<u>326.2421</u>	<u>326B.34</u>
87.36	<u>326.243</u>	<u>326B.35</u>
87.37	<u>326.244</u>	<u>326B.36</u>
87.38	<u>326.2441</u>	<u>326B.37</u>
87.39	<u>326.245</u>	<u>326B.38</u>

88.1	<u>326.247</u>	<u>326B.39</u>
88.2	<u>326.248</u>	<u>326B.399</u>

88.3 **ARTICLE 6**
 88.4 **PLUMBING**

88.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

88.6 Subd. 7. **Journeyman plumber.** A "journeyman plumber" is ~~any person an~~
 88.7 individual, other than a master plumber, who, as a principal occupation, is engaged as an
 88.8 employee of, or is otherwise working under the direction of, a master plumber in the
 88.9 practical installation of plumbing.

88.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

88.11 Subd. 8. **Master plumber.** A "master plumber" is ~~any person an individual who is~~
 88.12 skilled in the planning, superintending, and the practical installation of plumbing ~~and, who~~
 88.13 is otherwise lawfully qualified to contract for plumbing and installations and to conduct
 88.14 the business of plumbing and who is familiar with the laws and rules governing the same.

88.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

88.16 Subd. 9. **Plumber's apprentice trainee.** A "plumber's ~~apprentice trainee~~"
 88.17 is ~~any person an individual~~, other than a journeyman or master plumber, who, as a
 88.18 principal occupation, is engaged in ~~working as an employee of a plumbing contractor~~
 88.19 plumbing work under the ~~immediate and personal~~ direct supervision of either a master
 88.20 or journeyman plumber ~~or plumbing contractor in learning to learn and assisting assist~~
 88.21 in the installation of plumbing.

88.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

88.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.37, is amended to read:

88.24 **326.37 RULES; AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES; CAPACITY**
 88.25 **STANDARDS; LICENSE EXEMPTION.**

88.26 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** The ~~state commissioner of health~~ may, by rule, prescribe
 88.27 minimum standards which shall be uniform; and which ~~standards~~ shall ~~thereafter~~ be
 88.28 effective for all new plumbing installations, including additions, extensions, alterations,
 88.29 and replacements connected with any water or sewage disposal system owned or operated
 88.30 by or for any municipality, institution, factory, office building, hotel, apartment building,
 88.31 or any other place of business regardless of location or the population of the city or town in

89.1 which the installation is to be located. Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Rules,
 89.2 part 4715.3130, as they apply to review of plans and specifications, the commissioner may
 89.3 allow plumbing construction, alteration, or extension to proceed without approval of the
 89.4 plans or specifications by the commissioner.

89.5 The commissioner shall administer the provisions of sections ~~326.37~~ 326.361 to
 89.6 ~~326.45~~ 326.44 and for such purposes may employ plumbing inspectors and other assistants.

89.7 Subd. 1a. **Agreements with municipalities.** The commissioner may enter into an
 89.8 agreement with a municipality, in which the municipality agrees to perform plan and
 89.9 specification reviews required to be performed by the commissioner under Minnesota
 89.10 Rules, part 4715.3130, if:

89.11 (a) the municipality has adopted:

89.12 (1) the plumbing code;

89.13 (2) an ordinance that requires plumbing plans and specifications to be submitted to,
 89.14 reviewed, and approved by the municipality, except as provided in paragraph (h);

89.15 (3) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to perform inspections required by
 89.16 the plumbing code; and

89.17 (4) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to enforce the plumbing code in its
 89.18 entirety, except as provided in paragraph (p);

89.19 (b) the municipality agrees to review plumbing plans and specifications for all
 89.20 construction for which the plumbing code requires the review of plumbing plans and
 89.21 specifications, except as provided in paragraph (n);

89.22 (c) the municipality agrees that, when it reviews plumbing plans and specifications
 89.23 under paragraph (b), the review will:

89.24 (1) reflect the degree to which the plans and specifications affect the public health
 89.25 and conform to the provisions of the plumbing code;

89.26 (2) ensure that there is no physical connection between water supply systems that
 89.27 are safe for domestic use and those that are unsafe for domestic use; and

89.28 (3) ensure that there is no apparatus through which unsafe water may be discharged
 89.29 or drawn into a safe water supply system;

89.30 (d) the municipality agrees to perform all inspections required by the plumbing
 89.31 code in connection with projects for which the municipality reviews plumbing plans and
 89.32 specifications under paragraph (b);

89.33 (e) the commissioner determines that the individuals who will conduct the
 89.34 inspections and the plumbing plan and specification reviews for the municipality do not
 89.35 have any conflict of interest in conducting the inspections and the plan and specification
 89.36 reviews;

90.1 (f) individuals who will conduct the plumbing plan and specification reviews for
 90.2 the municipality are:

90.3 (1) licensed master plumbers;

90.4 (2) licensed professional engineers; or

90.5 (3) individuals who are working under the supervision of a licensed professional
 90.6 engineer and who: are licensed plumbers; hold a postsecondary degree in engineering; or
 90.7 are certified by a national model code organization on plumbing systems;

90.8 (g) individuals who will conduct the plumbing plan and specification reviews for
 90.9 the municipality have passed a competency assessment required by the commissioner to
 90.10 assess the individual's competency at reviewing plumbing plans and specifications;

90.11 (h) individuals who will conduct the plumbing inspections for the municipality
 90.12 are licensed master or journeyman plumbers, or inspectors meeting the competency
 90.13 requirements established in rules adopted under section 16B.655;

90.14 (i) the municipality agrees to enforce in its entirety the plumbing code on all
 90.15 projects, except as provided in paragraph (p);

90.16 (j) the municipality agrees to keep official records of all documents received,
 90.17 including plans, specifications, surveys, and plot plans, and of all plan reviews, permits
 90.18 and certificates issued, reports of inspections, and notices issued in connection with
 90.19 plumbing inspections and the review of plumbing plans and specifications;

90.20 (k) the municipality agrees to maintain the records described in paragraph (j) in the
 90.21 official records of the municipality for the period required for the retention of public
 90.22 records under section 138.17, and shall make these records readily available for review at
 90.23 the request of the commissioner;

90.24 (l) the municipality and the commissioner agree that if at any time during the
 90.25 agreement the municipality does not have in effect the plumbing code or any of ordinances
 90.26 described in item (a), or if the commissioner determines that the municipality is not
 90.27 properly administering and enforcing the plumbing code or is otherwise not complying
 90.28 with the agreement:

90.29 (1) the commissioner may, effective 14 days after the municipality's receipt of
 90.30 written notice, terminate the agreement;

90.31 (2) the municipality may challenge the termination in a contested case before the
 90.32 commissioner pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; and

90.33 (3) while any challenge is pending under item (2), the commissioner shall perform
 90.34 plan and specification reviews within the municipality under Minnesota Rules, part
 90.35 4715.3130;

91.1 (m) the municipality and the commissioner agree that the municipality may terminate
 91.2 the agreement with or without cause on 90 days' written notice to the commissioner;

91.3 (n) the municipality and the commissioner agree that the municipality shall forward
 91.4 to the state for review all plumbing plans and specifications for the following types of
 91.5 projects within the municipality:

91.6 (1) hospitals, nursing homes, supervised living facilities, and similar
 91.7 health-care-related facilities regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health;

91.8 (2) buildings owned by the federal or state government; and

91.9 (3) projects of a special nature for which department review is requested by either
 91.10 the municipality or the state;

91.11 (o) where the municipality forwards to the state for review plumbing plans and
 91.12 specifications, as provided in paragraph (n), the municipality shall not collect any fee for
 91.13 plan review, and the commissioner shall collect all applicable fees for plan review; and

91.14 (p) no municipality shall revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any plumbing
 91.15 license issued by the state.

91.16 Subd. 1b. **Existing agreements with municipalities.** Any agreement between the
 91.17 commissioner and a municipality in which the municipality has agreed to perform plan
 91.18 and specification reviews required to be performed by the commissioner under Minnesota
 91.19 Rules, part 4715.3130, that is in effect on the effective date of subdivision 1a, shall
 91.20 remain in effect and shall not be required to be in compliance with subdivision 1a. If any
 91.21 agreement to perform plan and specification reviews required to be performed by the
 91.22 commissioner under Minnesota Rules, part 4715.3130, in effect on the effective date of
 91.23 subdivision 1a is later terminated by operation of the terms of the agreement or by either
 91.24 the commissioner or the municipality, or expires, then any new agreement between the
 91.25 commissioner and the municipality to perform plan and specification reviews required to
 91.26 be performed by the commissioner under Minnesota Rules, part 4715.3130, shall comply
 91.27 with subdivision 1a.

91.28 Subd. 2. **Standards for capacity.** ~~By January 1, 1993,~~ All new floor-mounted water
 91.29 closets in areas under jurisdiction of the ~~State~~ plumbing code may not have a flush volume
 91.30 of more than 1.6 gallons. The water closets must meet the standards ~~of the commissioner~~
 91.31 ~~and~~ in the plumbing code and the standards of the American National Standards Institute.

91.32 Subd. 3. **Exemption.** No license or registration authorized by ~~this section~~ sections
 91.33 326.361 to 326.44 shall be required of any ~~contractor or employee~~ individual engaged
 91.34 in or employed by a person engaged in the work or business of pipe laying outside of
 91.35 buildings if such ~~person~~ individual or employer is engaged in a business or trade which
 91.36 has traditionally performed such work within the state prior to January 1, 1994.

92.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.38, is amended to read:

92.2 **326.38 LOCAL REGULATIONS.**

92.3 ~~Any city having a system of waterworks or sewerage, or any town in which reside~~
 92.4 ~~over 5,000 people exclusive of any statutory cities located therein, or the metropolitan~~
 92.5 ~~airports commission, Any of the following entities may, by ordinance, adopt local~~
 92.6 regulations providing for plumbing permits, ~~bonds~~, approval of plans and specifications,
 92.7 and inspections of plumbing, which regulations are not in conflict with the plumbing
 92.8 ~~standards on the same subject prescribed by the state commissioner of health. code: any~~
 92.9 city having a system of waterworks or sewerage, regardless of population; any town
 92.10 having a population of 5,000 or more according to the last federal census, exclusive of any
 92.11 statutory cities located therein; and the Metropolitan Airports Commission. No city or
 92.12 ~~such town~~ such entity shall prohibit plumbers licensed by the state commissioner of health
 92.13 from engaging in or working at the business of plumbing, except cities and statutory cities
 92.14 which, prior to April 21, 1933, by ordinance required the licensing of plumbers. No such
 92.15 entity shall require any person who engages in the business of plumbing to post a bond
 92.16 as a prerequisite for engaging in the business of plumbing, except the bond to the state
 92.17 required under section 326.40 and except any performance bond required under a contract
 92.18 with the person for the performance of plumbing work for the entity. No such entity shall
 92.19 require any person who engages in the business of plumbing to maintain public liability
 92.20 insurance as a prerequisite for engaging in the business of plumbing, except the insurance
 92.21 required under section 326.40 and except any public liability insurance required under
 92.22 a contract with the person for the performance of plumbing work for the entity. Any
 92.23 city by ordinance may prescribe regulations, reasonable standards, and inspections and
 92.24 grant permits to any person, ~~firm, or corporation~~ engaged in the business of installing
 92.25 water softeners, who is not licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber by the
 92.26 ~~state commissioner of health~~, to connect water softening and water filtering equipment
 92.27 to private residence water distribution systems, where provision has been previously
 92.28 made therefor and openings left for that purpose or by use of cold water connections to
 92.29 a domestic water heater; where it is not necessary to rearrange, make any extension or
 92.30 alteration of, or addition to any pipe, fixture or plumbing connected with the water system
 92.31 except to connect the water softener, and provided the connections so made comply with
 92.32 minimum standards prescribed by the ~~state commissioner of health~~.

92.33 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.39, is amended to read:

92.34 **326.39 VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO STATE COMMISSIONER**
 92.35 **OF HEALTH.**

93.1 Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance of
 93.2 such plumbing permits and approval of such plans shall report to the ~~state~~ commissioner
 93.3 ~~of health~~ persistent or willful violation of the same and any incompetence of a licensed
 93.4 plumber observed by the local authority.

93.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.40, is amended to read:

93.6 **326.40 LICENSING, BOND AND INSURANCE.**

93.7 Subdivision 1. ~~License required~~ **Plumbers must be licensed in certain cities;**
 93.8 **master and journeyman plumbers; plumbing on one's own premises; rules for**
 93.9 **examination.** In any city ~~now or hereafter having 5,000 or more population~~ having a
 93.10 population of 5,000 or more, according to the last federal census, and having a system
 93.11 of waterworks or sewerage, no ~~person, firm, or corporation~~ individual shall engage in or
 93.12 work at the business of a master plumber or journeyman plumber unless licensed to do so
 93.13 by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~. A master plumber may also work as a journeyman
 93.14 plumber. ~~Anyone~~ Any individual not so licensed may do plumbing work which complies
 93.15 with the provisions of the minimum standard prescribed by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of~~
 93.16 ~~health~~ on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by the worker as
 93.17 a residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

93.18 In any such city no ~~person, firm, or corporation~~ shall engage in the business of
 93.19 planning, superintending, or installing plumbing ~~nor or shall~~ install plumbing in connection
 93.20 with the dealing in and selling of plumbing material and supplies unless at all times a
 93.21 licensed master plumber, who shall be responsible for proper planning, superintending,
 93.22 and installation, is in charge of the plumbing work of the ~~person, firm, or corporation~~.

93.23 The department ~~of Health~~ shall prescribe rules, not inconsistent herewith, for the
 93.24 examination and licensing of plumbers.

93.25 Subd. 2. **Bond; insurance.** Any person contracting to do plumbing work must give
 93.26 bond to the state in the amount of \$25,000 for all work entered into within the state. The
 93.27 bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of
 93.28 failure to comply with the requirements of the State Plumbing Code. ~~A~~ The bond ~~given to~~
 93.29 ~~the state~~ shall be filed with the commissioner ~~of health~~ and ~~shall be in lieu of all other~~
 93.30 ~~bonds to any political subdivision required for plumbing work.~~ The bond shall be written
 93.31 by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state.

93.32 In addition, each applicant for a master plumber license or renewal thereof, ~~may~~
 93.33 shall provide evidence of public liability insurance, including products liability insurance
 93.34 with limits of at least \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and property
 93.35 damage insurance with limits of at least \$10,000. The insurance shall be written by an

94.1 insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota and each licensed master plumber
 94.2 shall maintain on file with the ~~state commissioner of health~~ a certificate evidencing the
 94.3 insurance providing that the insurance shall not be canceled without the insurer first giving
 94.4 15 days written notice to the commissioner. The term of the insurance shall be concurrent
 94.5 with the term of the license. ~~The certificate shall be in lieu of all other certificates required~~
 94.6 ~~by any political subdivision for licensing purposes.~~

94.7 Subd. 3. **Bond and insurance exemption.** ~~If a master plumber who is an employee~~
 94.8 ~~of a master plumber or who is an employee engaged within the limits of property owned,~~
 94.9 ~~leased and operated, or maintained by the employer, in the maintenance and repair of~~
 94.10 ~~plumbing equipment, apparatus, or facilities owned or leased by the employer, who is in~~
 94.11 compliance with the bond and insurance requirements of subdivision 2 employs another
 94.12 master plumber, the employee master plumber shall not be required to meet the bond and
 94.13 insurance requirements of subdivision 2. A master plumber who is an employee working
 94.14 on the maintenance and repair of plumbing equipment, apparatus, or facilities owned or
 94.15 leased by their employer and which is within the limits of property owned or leased, and
 94.16 operated or maintained by their employer, shall not be required to meet the bond and
 94.17 insurance requirements of subdivision 2.

94.18 Subd. 4. **Alternative compliance.** ~~Compliance with the local bond requirements of~~
 94.19 ~~a locale within which work is to be performed shall be deemed to satisfy the bond and~~
 94.20 ~~insurance requirements of subdivision 2, provided the local ordinance requires at least a~~
 94.21 ~~\$25,000 bond.~~

94.22 Subd. 5. **Fee.** ~~The state commissioner of health may charge~~ Each person giving
 94.23 bond to the state under subdivision 2 shall pay the department an annual bond filing
 94.24 registration fee commensurate with the cost of administering the bond and insurance
 94.25 requirements of subdivision 2 of \$40.

94.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that the
 94.27 amendments to subdivision 5 are effective July 1, 2007.

94.28 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.401, is amended to read:

94.29 **326.401 PLUMBER'S APPRENTICES TRAINEES.**

94.30 Subdivision 1. **Registration.** ~~A~~ All plumber's apprentice trainees must be registered.
 94.31 To be a registered plumber's trainee, an individual must either:

94.32 (1) be an apprentice employed in the trade of plumbing under an apprenticeship
 94.33 agreement approved by the department under Minnesota Rules, part 5200.0300; or

95.1 (2) be registered with the commissioner of health on a registration application form
 95.2 supplied by the commissioner showing the date of beginning training, age, schooling,
 95.3 previous experience, employer, and other information required by the commissioner.
 95.4 under subdivision 3. A registered plumber's trainee is authorized to assist in the installation
 95.5 of plumbing only while under the direct supervision of a master or journeyman plumber.
 95.6 The master or journeyman plumber is responsible for ensuring that all plumbing work
 95.7 performed by the registered plumber's trainee complies with the plumbing code.

95.8 Subd. 2. **Journeyman exam.** A registered plumber's apprentice trainee who has
 95.9 completed four years of practical plumbing experience is eligible to take the journeyman
 95.10 plumbing examination. Up to 24 months of practical plumbing experience prior to
 95.11 ~~registration as an apprentice~~ becoming a registered plumber's trainee may be applied to the
 95.12 four-year experience requirement. However, none of this practical plumbing experience
 95.13 may be applied if the person individual did not have any practical plumbing experience in
 95.14 the 12-month period immediately prior to ~~registration~~ becoming a registered plumber's
 95.15 trainee. The commissioner may adopt rules to evaluate whether the person's individual's
 95.16 past practical plumbing experience is applicable in preparing for the journeyman's
 95.17 examination. If two years after completing the training the person individual has not taken
 95.18 the examination, the four years of experience shall be forfeited.

95.19 The commissioner may allow an extension of the two-year period for taking the
 95.20 exam for cases of hardship or other appropriate circumstances.

95.21 Subd. 3. **Registration, rules, applications, renewals, and fees.** ~~The Department of~~
 95.22 ~~Health may assess fees to pay for the administration of the apprentice registration program.~~
 95.23 A plumber's trainee may register by completing and submitting to the commissioner a
 95.24 registration form provided by the commissioner. A completed registration form must state
 95.25 the date the trainee began training, the trainee's age, schooling, previous experience, and
 95.26 employer, and other information required by the commissioner. The department may
 95.27 prescribe rules, not inconsistent with this section, for the registration of plumber's trainees.
 95.28 Each applicant for initial registration as a plumber's trainee shall pay the department
 95.29 an application fee of \$25. Applications for initial registration may be submitted at any
 95.30 time. Registration must be renewed annually and shall be for the period from July 1 of
 95.31 each year to June 30 of the following year. Applications for renewal registration must be
 95.32 received by the commissioner by June 30 of each registration period on forms provided by
 95.33 the commissioner, and must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. An application for renewal
 95.34 registration received on or after July 1 in any year but no more than three months after
 95.35 expiration of the previously issued registration must pay the past due renewal fee plus a

96.1 late fee of \$25. No applications for renewal registration will be accepted more than three
 96.2 months after expiration of the previously issued registration.

96.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

96.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.405, is amended to read:

96.5 **326.405 RECIPROcity WITH OTHER STATES.**

96.6 The commissioner ~~of health~~ may license without examination, upon payment of the
 96.7 required fee, nonresident applicants who are licensed under the laws of a state having
 96.8 standards for licensing plumbers which the commissioner determines are substantially
 96.9 equivalent to the standards of this state if the other state grants similar privileges to
 96.10 Minnesota residents duly licensed in this state.

96.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.42, is amended to read:

96.12 **326.42 APPLICATIONS, FEES.**

96.13 Subdivision 1. **Application.** Applications for plumber's license shall be made to
 96.14 the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~, with fee. Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal,
 96.15 the applicant shall be licensed by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ only after passing a
 96.16 satisfactory examination by the examiners showing fitness. Unless examination fees have
 96.17 been set by a contract under section 326B.05, examination fees for both journeyman and
 96.18 master plumbers shall be in an amount prescribed by the state commissioner of health
 96.19 pursuant to section 144.122 \$50 for each examination. Upon being notified ~~that~~ of having
 96.20 successfully passed the examination for original license the applicant shall submit an
 96.21 application, with the license fee herein provided. ~~License fees shall be in an amount~~
 96.22 ~~prescribed by the state commissioner of health pursuant to section 144.122. Licenses shall~~
 96.23 ~~expire and be renewed as prescribed by the commissioner pursuant to section 144.122.~~
 96.24 The license fee for each initial and renewal master plumber's license shall be \$120. The
 96.25 license fee for each initial and renewal journeyman plumber's license shall be \$55. The
 96.26 commissioner may by rule prescribe for the expiration and renewal of licenses. Any
 96.27 licensee who does not renew a license within two years after the license expires is no
 96.28 longer eligible for renewal. Such an individual must retake and pass the examination
 96.29 before a new license will be issued. A journeyman or master plumber who submits a
 96.30 license renewal application after the time specified in rule but within two years after the
 96.31 license expired must pay all past due renewal fees plus a late fee of \$25.

96.32 Subd. 2. **Fees for plan reviews and audits.** Plumbing system plans and
 96.33 specifications that are submitted to the commissioner for review shall be accompanied by

97.1 the appropriate plan examination fees. If the commissioner determines, upon review of
97.2 the plans, that inadequate fees were paid, the necessary additional fees shall be paid prior
97.3 to plan approval. The commissioner shall charge the following fees for plan reviews and
97.4 audits of plumbing installations for public, commercial, and industrial buildings:

97.5 (1) systems with both water distribution and drain, waste, and vent systems and
97.6 having:

97.7 (i) 25 or fewer drainage fixture units, \$150;

97.8 (ii) 26 to 50 drainage fixture units, \$250;

97.9 (iii) 51 to 150 drainage fixture units, \$350;

97.10 (iv) 151 to 249 drainage fixture units, \$500;

97.11 (v) 250 or more drainage fixture units, \$3 per drainage fixture unit to a maximum
97.12 of \$4,000; and

97.13 (vi) interceptors, separators, or catch basins, \$70 per interceptor, separator, or catch
97.14 basin design;

97.15 (2) building sewer service only, \$150;

97.16 (3) building water service only, \$150;

97.17 (4) building water distribution system only, no drainage system, \$5 per supply
97.18 fixture unit or \$150, whichever is greater;

97.19 (5) storm drainage system, a minimum fee of \$150 or:

97.20 (i) \$50 per drain opening, up to a maximum of \$500; and

97.21 (ii) \$70 per interceptor, separator, or catch basin design;

97.22 (6) manufactured home park or campground, one to 25 sites, \$300;

97.23 (7) manufactured home park or campground, 26 to 50 sites, \$350;

97.24 (8) manufactured home park or campground, 51 to 125 sites, \$400;

97.25 (9) manufactured home park or campground, more than 125 sites, \$500;

97.26 (10) accelerated review, double the regular fee, one-half to be refunded if no
97.27 response from the commissioner within 15 business days; and

97.28 (11) revision to previously reviewed or incomplete plans:

97.29 (i) review of plans for which the commissioner has issued two or more requests for
97.30 additional information, per review, \$100 or ten percent of the original fee, whichever
97.31 is greater;

97.32 (ii) proposer-requested revision with no increase in project scope, \$50 or ten percent
97.33 of original fee, whichever is greater; and

97.34 (iii) proposer-requested revision with an increase in project scope, \$50 plus the
97.35 difference between the original project fee and the revised project fee.

98.1 Subd. 3. **Inspection fees.** The commissioner shall charge the following fees for
 98.2 inspections under sections 326.361 to 326.44:

98.3	<u>Residential inspection fee (each visit)</u>	<u>\$50</u>
98.4	<u>Public, commercial, and industrial</u>	
98.5	<u>inspections</u>	<u>Inspection fee</u>
98.6	<u>25 or fewer drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$300</u>
98.7	<u>26 to 50 drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$900</u>
98.8	<u>51 to 150 drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
98.9	<u>151 to 249 drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
98.10	<u>250 or more drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>
98.11	<u>Callback fee (each visit)</u>	<u>\$100</u>

98.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

98.13 Sec. 11. **[326B.41] PURPOSE.**

98.14 The purpose of sections 326B.41 to 326B.49 is to promote the public health and
 98.15 safety through properly designed, acceptably installed, and adequately maintained
 98.16 plumbing systems.

98.17 Sec. 12. **[326B.42] DEFINITIONS.**

98.18 Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** For purposes of sections 326B.41 to
 98.19 326B.49, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given to them.

98.20 Subd. 2. **Direct supervision.** The term "direct supervision," with respect to direct
 98.21 supervision of a plumber's trainee by a master or journeyman plumber, means that:

98.22 (1) at all times while the plumber's trainee is performing plumbing work, the master
 98.23 or journeyman plumber is present at the location where the plumber's trainee is working;

98.24 (2) the master or journeyman plumber is immediately available to the plumber's
 98.25 trainee at all times for assistance and direction;

98.26 (3) the master or journeyman plumber actually reviews the plumbing work
 98.27 performed by the plumber's trainee before the plumbing is operated; and

98.28 (4) the master or journeyman plumber is able to and does determine that all
 98.29 plumbing work performed by the plumber's trainee is performed in compliance with
 98.30 the plumbing code.

98.31 Subd. 5. **Municipality.** The term "municipality" shall have the meaning given to it
 98.32 in section 16B.60, subdivision 3.

98.33 Subd. 6. **Plumbing code.** "Plumbing code" means Minnesota Rules, chapter 4715.

98.34 Sec. 13. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

99.1 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 99.2 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 99.3 cross-referenced changes consistent with the renumbering.

99.4	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
99.5	<u>326.01, subd. 7</u>	<u>326B.42, subd. 3</u>
99.6	<u>326.01, subd. 8</u>	<u>326B.42, subd. 4</u>
99.7	<u>326.01, subd. 9</u>	<u>326B.42, subd. 7</u>
99.8	<u>326.37</u>	<u>326B.43</u>
99.9	<u>326.38</u>	<u>326B.44</u>
99.10	<u>326.39</u>	<u>326B.45</u>
99.11	<u>326.40</u>	<u>326B.46</u>
99.12	<u>326.401</u>	<u>326B.47</u>
99.13	<u>326.405</u>	<u>326B.48</u>
99.14	<u>326.42</u>	<u>326B.49</u>

99.15 ARTICLE 7

99.16 WATER CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLERS

99.17 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.57, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

99.18 Subdivision 1. **Rulemaking by commissioner of health.** The ~~state~~ commissioner
 99.19 ~~of health~~ shall, by rule, prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform, and
 99.20 which standards shall thereafter be effective for all new water conditioning servicing
 99.21 and water conditioning installations, including additions, extensions, alterations, and
 99.22 replacements connected with any water or sewage disposal system owned or operated by
 99.23 or for any municipality, institution, factory, office building, hotel, apartment building or
 99.24 any other place of business, regardless of location or the population of the city, county
 99.25 or town in which located. ~~Such rules, upon approval of the attorney general and their~~
 99.26 ~~legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof shall~~
 99.27 ~~constitute a misdemeanor and may be enjoined by the attorney general.~~

99.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.58, is amended to read:

99.29 **326.58 LOCAL REGULATIONS.**

99.30 Any city or town with a population of 5,000 or more ~~persons~~ according to the last
 99.31 federal census may, by ordinance, adopt local regulations providing for water conditioning
 99.32 permits, bonds, approval of plans, and inspections of water conditioning installations and
 99.33 servicing, which regulations shall not be in conflict with the water conditioning standards
 99.34 on the same subject prescribed by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~. No such city or

100.1 town shall prohibit water conditioning contractors or installers licensed by the ~~state~~
 100.2 commissioner ~~of health~~ from engaging in or working at the business.

100.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.59, is amended to read:

100.4 **326.59 VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO STATE COMMISSIONER**
 100.5 **~~OF HEALTH.~~**

100.6 Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance
 100.7 of such water conditioning installation and servicing permits and approval of such plans
 100.8 shall report to the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ persistent or willful violations of the
 100.9 same and any incompetence of a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water
 100.10 conditioning installer observed by the local authority.

100.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.60, is amended to read:

100.12 **326.60 LICENSING IN CERTAIN CITIES; QUALIFICATIONS; RULES.**

100.13 Subdivision 1. **Licensing in certain cities.** In any city or town ~~now or hereafter~~
 100.14 having a population of 5,000 or more according to the last federal census, no person, ~~firm,~~
 100.15 ~~or corporation~~ shall engage in or work at the business of water conditioning installation or
 100.16 servicing after January 1, 1970, unless ~~(a) (1)~~ at all times ~~a person~~ an individual licensed
 100.17 as a water conditioning contractor by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ shall be responsible
 100.18 for the proper water conditioning installation and servicing work of such person, ~~firm,~~ ~~or~~
 100.19 ~~corporation~~, and ~~(b) (2)~~ all installations, other than exchanges of portable equipment, are
 100.20 ~~actually made~~ performed by a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water
 100.21 conditioning installer. ~~Anyone~~ Any individual not so licensed may ~~do~~ perform water
 100.22 conditioning work ~~which~~ that complies with ~~the provisions of~~ the minimum standard
 100.23 prescribed by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ on premises or that part of premises owned
 100.24 and ~~actually~~ occupied by the worker as a residence, unless otherwise ~~forbidden to do so~~
 100.25 prohibited by a local ordinance.

100.26 Subd. 2. **Qualifications for licensing.** A water conditioning contractor license
 100.27 shall be issued only to ~~a person~~ an individual who has demonstrated skill in planning,
 100.28 superintending, and servicing water conditioning installations. A water conditioning
 100.29 installer license shall only be issued to ~~a person~~ an individual other than a water
 100.30 conditioning contractor who has demonstrated practical knowledge of water conditioning
 100.31 installation.

100.32 Subd. 3. **Rules.** The ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ shall:

100.33 ~~(a) (1)~~ prescribe rules, not inconsistent herewith, for the licensing of water
 100.34 conditioning contractors and installers;

101.1 ~~(b)~~ (2) license water conditioning contractors and installers;

101.2 ~~(c)~~ (3) prescribe rules not inconsistent herewith for the examining of water

101.3 conditioning contractors and installers prior to first granting a license as a water

101.4 conditioning contractor or water conditioning installer; and

101.5 ~~(d)~~ (4) collect an examination fee from each examinee for a license as a water

101.6 conditioning contractor and ~~a~~ an examination fee from each examinee for a license

101.7 as a water conditioning installer in an amount ~~prescribed by the state commissioner of~~

101.8 ~~health pursuant to set forth in section 144.122~~ 326.62. A water conditioning installer

101.9 must successfully pass the examination for water conditioning contractors before being

101.10 licensed as a water conditioning contractor.

101.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.601, is amended to read:

101.12 **326.601 ALTERNATIVE STATE BONDING AND INSURANCE**

101.13 **REGULATION.**

101.14 Subdivision 1. **Bonds.** (a) An applicant for a water conditioning contractor or

101.15 installer license or renewal thereof who is required by any political subdivision to give a

101.16 bond to obtain or maintain the license, may comply with any political subdivision bonding

101.17 requirement by giving a bond to the state as described in paragraph (b). No applicant for a

101.18 water conditioning contractor or installer license who maintains the bond under paragraph

101.19 (b) shall be otherwise required to meet the bond requirements of any political subdivision.

101.20 (b) Each bond given to the state under this subdivision shall be in the total ~~penal~~ sum

101.21 of \$3,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all water conditioning

101.22 contracting or installing work done within the state. The bond shall be for the benefit of

101.23 persons suffering injuries or damages due to the work. The bond shall be filed with the

101.24 commissioner ~~of health~~ and shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business

101.25 in this state. ~~No applicant for a water conditioning contractor or installer license who~~

101.26 ~~maintains the bond under this subdivision shall be otherwise required to meet the bond~~

101.27 ~~requirements of any political subdivision.~~ The bond must remain in effect at all times

101.28 while the application is pending and while the license is in effect.

101.29 Subd. 2. **Insurance.** (a) Each applicant for a water conditioning contractor or

101.30 installer license or renewal thereof ~~may, in lieu of all other insurance requirements of any~~

101.31 ~~political subdivision for said licensing purposes, maintain the insurance specified by~~

101.32 ~~this subdivision.~~ who is required by any political subdivision to maintain insurance to

101.33 obtain or maintain the license may comply with any political subdivision's insurance

101.34 requirement by maintaining the insurance described in paragraph (b). No applicant for a

101.35 water conditioning contractor or installer license who maintains the insurance described

102.1 in paragraph (b) shall be otherwise required to meet the insurance requirements of any
 102.2 political subdivision.

102.3 (b) The insurance shall provide coverage, including products liability coverage,
 102.4 for all damages in connection with licensed work for which the licensee is liable, with
 102.5 personal damage limits of at least \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and
 102.6 property damage insurance with limits of at least \$10,000. The insurance shall be written
 102.7 by an insurer licensed to do business in this state and ~~each licensed water conditioning~~
 102.8 ~~contractor or installer shall maintain on file with the commissioner of health~~ a certificate
 102.9 evidencing the insurance shall be filed with the commissioner. The insurance must remain
 102.10 in effect at all times while the application is pending and while the license is in effect. The
 102.11 insurance shall not be canceled without the insurer first giving 15 days' written notice to
 102.12 the commissioner.

102.13 Subd. 3. **Bond and insurance exemption.** A water conditioning contractor or
 102.14 installer who is an employee of a water conditioning contractor or installer, including
 102.15 an employee engaged in the maintenance and repair of water conditioning equipment,
 102.16 apparatus, or facilities owned, leased and operated, or maintained by the employer, is
 102.17 not required to meet the bond and insurance requirements of subdivisions 1 and 2 or of
 102.18 any political subdivision.

102.19 Subd. 4. **Fee.** ~~The commissioner of health may establish by rule an additional~~
 102.20 ~~fee commensurate with the cost of administering the bond and insurance requirements~~
 102.21 ~~of subdivisions 1 and 2, which may be charged~~ shall collect a \$40 bond registration fee
 102.22 from each applicant for issuance or renewal of a water conditioning contractor or installer
 102.23 license who elects to proceed under subdivisions 1 and 2.

102.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that the
 102.25 amendments to subdivision 4 are effective July 1, 2007.

102.26 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

102.27 Subdivision 1. **Water conditioning installation.** "Water conditioning installation"
 102.28 ~~as used in sections 326.57 to 326.65~~ means the installation of appliances, appurtenances,
 102.29 and fixtures designed to treat water so as to alter, modify, add or remove mineral, chemical
 102.30 or bacterial content, said installation to be made in a water distribution system serving a
 102.31 single family residential unit, which has been initially established by a licensed plumber,
 102.32 and does not involve a direct connection without an air gap to a soil or waste pipe.

102.33 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

103.1 Subd. 2. **Water conditioning servicing.** "Water conditioning servicing" ~~as used in~~
 103.2 ~~sections 326.57 to 326.65~~ means the servicing (including servicing prior to installation) of
 103.3 a water conditioning installation.

103.4 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

103.5 Subd. 3. **Rules.** In order to provide effective protection of the public health, the
 103.6 ~~state commissioner of health~~ may by rule prescribe limitations on the nature of alteration
 103.7 to, extension of, or connection with, the said water distribution system initially established
 103.8 by a licensed plumber which may be performed by a person licensed hereunder, and may
 103.9 by rule in appropriate instances require filing of plans, blueprints and specifications prior
 103.10 to commencement of installation. ~~Such rules, upon approval of the attorney general and~~
 103.11 ~~their legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof~~
 103.12 ~~shall constitute a misdemeanor.~~ The installation of water heaters shall not constitute water
 103.13 conditioning installation and consequently such work shall be accomplished in accordance
 103.14 with the provisions of sections ~~326.37~~ 326.361 to ~~326.45~~ 326.44.

103.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

103.16 Subd. 4. **Single family residential unit.** "Single family residential unit" ~~as used in~~
 103.17 ~~sections 326.57 to 326.65~~ means a building or portion thereof which is arranged, designed,
 103.18 used or intended to be used for residential occupancy by one family, but not including a
 103.19 motel, hotel or rooming house.

103.20 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.62, is amended to read:

103.21 **326.62 APPLICATIONS; FEES.**

103.22 ~~Applications for water conditioning contractor's or installer's licenses shall be~~
 103.23 ~~made to the state commissioner of health with the fee prescribed by the commissioner~~
 103.24 ~~pursuant to section 144.122. Licenses shall expire and be renewed as prescribed by~~
 103.25 ~~the commissioner pursuant to section 144.122. Unless examination fees have been set~~
 103.26 by a contract under section 326B.05, examination fees for both water conditioning
 103.27 contractors and water conditioning installers shall be \$50 for each examination. Each
 103.28 water conditioning contractor and installer license shall expire on December 31 of the year
 103.29 for which it was issued. The license fee for each initial water conditioning contractor's
 103.30 license shall be \$70, except that the license fee shall be \$35 if the application is submitted
 103.31 during the last three months of the calendar year. The license fee for each renewal water
 103.32 conditioning contractor's license shall be \$70. The license fee for each initial water
 103.33 conditioning installer license shall be \$35, except that the license fee shall be \$17.50 if the

104.1 application is submitted during the last three months of the calendar year. The license fee
 104.2 for each renewal water conditioning installer license shall be \$35. The commissioner may
 104.3 by rule prescribe for the expiration and renewal of licenses. Any licensee who does not
 104.4 renew a license within two years after the license expires is no longer eligible for renewal.
 104.5 Such an individual must retake and pass the examination before a new license will be
 104.6 issued. A water conditioning contractor or water conditioning installer who submits a
 104.7 license renewal application after the time specified in rule but within two years after the
 104.8 license expired must pay all past due renewal fees plus a late fee of \$25.

104.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

104.10 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.65, is amended to read:

104.11 **326.65 STATE LICENSE; EXAMINATION; APPLICATION; EXEMPTION.**

104.12 The provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.65 ~~which that~~ require ~~the obtaining of~~
 104.13 licenses to engage in the work or business of water conditioning installation, and the
 104.14 provisions ~~which that~~ provide for the examination of applicants for such licenses, shall
 104.15 only apply to work accomplished in cities or towns having populations of 5,000 or more
 104.16 according to the last federal census, and shall not apply to master plumbers and journeymen
 104.17 plumbers licensed under the provisions of sections ~~326.37~~ 326.361 to ~~326.45~~ 326.44.

104.18 Sec. 12. **[326B.50] DEFINITIONS.**

104.19 Subdivision 1. Words, terms, and phrases. For the purposes of sections 326B.50
 104.20 to 326B.59, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

104.21 Sec. 13. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

104.22 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 104.23 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 104.24 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
104.25 <u>326.57</u>	<u>326B.52</u>
104.26 <u>326.58</u>	<u>326B.53</u>
104.27 <u>326.59</u>	<u>326B.54</u>
104.28 <u>326.60</u>	<u>326B.55</u>
104.29 <u>326.601</u>	<u>326B.56</u>
104.30 <u>326.61, subd. 1</u>	<u>326B.50, subd. 3</u>
104.31 <u>326.61, subd. 2</u>	<u>326B.50, subd. 4</u>
104.32 <u>326.61, subd. 3</u>	<u>326B.57</u>
104.33 <u>326.61, subd. 4</u>	<u>326B.50, subd. 2</u>

106.1 ~~to 326.991, "owner" does not include a residential building contractor or residential~~
 106.2 ~~remodeler who constructs or improves its own property for purposes of speculation. A~~
 106.3 ~~residential building contractor or residential remodeler will be presumed to be building or~~
 106.4 ~~improving for purposes of speculation if it constructs or improves more than one property~~
 106.5 ~~within any 24-month period. "Owner," when used in connection with real property, means~~
 106.6 a person who has any legal or equitable interest in the real property.

106.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

106.8 Subd. 18. **Residential roofer.** "Residential roofer" means a person in the business
 106.9 of contracting, or offering to contract with an owner, to complete work on residential real
 106.10 estate in roof coverings, roof sheathing, roof weatherproofing and insulation, and repair of
 106.11 roof systems, but not construction of new roof systems.

106.12 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

106.13 Subd. 19. **Special skill.** "Special skill" means one of the following eight categories:

106.14 (a) **Excavation.** Excavation includes work in any of the following areas:

- 106.15 (1) excavation;
- 106.16 (2) trenching;
- 106.17 (3) grading; and
- 106.18 (4) site grading.

106.19 (b) **Masonry and concrete.** Masonry and concrete includes work in any of the
 106.20 following areas:

- 106.21 (1) drain systems;
- 106.22 (2) poured walls;
- 106.23 (3) slabs and poured-in-place footings;
- 106.24 (4) masonry walls;
- 106.25 (5) masonry fireplaces;
- 106.26 (6) masonry veneer; and
- 106.27 (7) water resistance and waterproofing.

106.28 (c) **Carpentry.** Carpentry includes work in any of the following areas:

- 106.29 (1) rough framing;
- 106.30 (2) finish carpentry;
- 106.31 (3) doors, windows, and skylights;
- 106.32 (4) porches and decks, excluding footings;
- 106.33 (5) wood foundations; and
- 106.34 (6) drywall installation, excluding taping and finishing.

- 107.1 (d) **Interior finishing.** Interior finishing includes work in any of the following areas:
- 107.2 (1) floor covering;
- 107.3 (2) wood floors;
- 107.4 (3) cabinet and counter top installation;
- 107.5 (4) insulation and vapor barriers;
- 107.6 (5) interior or exterior painting;
- 107.7 (6) ceramic, marble, and quarry tile;
- 107.8 (7) ornamental guardrail and installation of prefabricated stairs; and
- 107.9 (8) wallpapering.
- 107.10 (e) **Exterior finishing.** Exterior finishing includes work in any of the following
- 107.11 areas:
- 107.12 (1) siding;
- 107.13 (2) soffit, fascia, and trim;
- 107.14 (3) exterior plaster and stucco;
- 107.15 (4) painting; and
- 107.16 (5) rain carrying systems, including gutters and down spouts.
- 107.17 (f) **Drywall and plaster.** Drywall and plaster includes work in any of the following
- 107.18 areas:
- 107.19 (1) installation;
- 107.20 (2) taping;
- 107.21 (3) finishing;
- 107.22 (4) interior plaster;
- 107.23 (5) painting; and
- 107.24 (6) wallpapering.
- 107.25 (g) **Residential roofing.** Residential roofing includes work in any of the following
- 107.26 areas:
- 107.27 (1) roof coverings;
- 107.28 (2) roof sheathing;
- 107.29 (3) roof weatherproofing and insulation; and
- 107.30 (4) repair of roof support system, but not construction of new roof support system.
- 107.31 (h) **General installation specialties.** Installation includes work in any of the
- 107.32 following areas:
- 107.33 (1) garage doors and openers;
- 107.34 (2) pools, spas, and hot tubs;
- 107.35 (3) fireplaces and wood stoves;
- 107.36 (4) asphalt paving and seal coating; and

- 108.1 (5) ~~exterior plaster and stucco; and~~
 108.2 (6) ornamental guardrail and prefabricated stairs.

108.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

108.4 Subd. 20. **Specialty contractor.** "Specialty contractor" means a person in the
 108.5 business of contracting or offering to contract to build or improve residential real estate by
 108.6 providing only one special skill as defined in this section.

108.7 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.84, is amended to read:

108.8 **326.84 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

108.9 Subdivision 1. **Persons required to be licensed.** A person who meets the definition
 108.10 of a residential building contractor as defined in section 326.83, subdivision 15, must be
 108.11 licensed as a residential building contractor by the commissioner. A person who meets
 108.12 the definition of a residential remodeler as defined in section 326.83, subdivision 16,
 108.13 or a residential building contractor as defined in section 326.83, subdivision 15, must
 108.14 be licensed as a residential building contractor or residential remodeler. 16, must be
 108.15 licensed by the commissioner as a residential remodeler or residential building contractor.
 108.16 A person who meets the definition of a residential roofer as defined in section 18 must
 108.17 be licensed by the commissioner as a residential roofer, residential building contractor,
 108.18 or residential remodeler. A person who meets the definition of a manufactured home
 108.19 installer as defined in section 327.31, subdivision 6, must be licensed as a manufactured
 108.20 home installer by the commissioner.

108.21 Subd. 1a. **Persons who may be licensed.** A person who meets the definition of
 108.22 a specialty contractor as defined in section 326.83, subdivision ~~20~~ 19, may be licensed
 108.23 by the commissioner as a residential building contractor or residential remodeler unless
 108.24 required to be licensed by the state as a specialty contractor.

108.25 Subd. 1b. **Prohibition.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, no persons required
 108.26 to be licensed by subdivision 1 may act or hold themselves out as a residential building
 108.27 contractors or contractor, residential remodelers remodeler, residential roofer, or
 108.28 manufactured home installer for compensation without a ~~valid~~ license issued by the
 108.29 commissioner.

108.30 Subd. 1c. **Licensing criteria.** The examination and education requirements for
 108.31 licensure under sections 326.84 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98 must be fulfilled by a qualifying person
 108.32 designated by the potential licensee. If the qualifying person is a managing employee, the
 108.33 qualifying person must be an employee who is regularly employed by the licensee and
 108.34 is actively engaged in the business of residential contracting or residential remodeling

109.1 on behalf of the licensee. For a sole proprietorship, the qualifying person must be the
 109.2 proprietor or managing employee. For a partnership, the qualifying person must be a
 109.3 general partner or managing employee. For a limited liability company, the qualifying
 109.4 person must be a chief manager or managing employee. For a corporation, the qualifying
 109.5 person must be ~~a chief executive officer~~ an owner, officer, or managing employee. A
 109.6 qualifying person for a corporation or limited liability company may act as ~~a~~ the qualifying
 109.7 person for ~~one additional corporation if one of the following conditions exists:~~

109.8 ~~(1) there is a common ownership of at least 25 percent of each licensed corporation~~
 109.9 ~~for which the person acts in a qualifying capacity; or~~

109.10 ~~(2) one corporation is a subsidiary of another corporation for which the same person~~
 109.11 ~~acts in a qualifying capacity. "Subsidiary," as used in this section, means a corporation of~~
 109.12 ~~which at least 25 percent is owned by the parent corporation. more than one corporation~~
 109.13 or limited liability company if there is common ownership of at least 25 percent among
 109.14 each of the licensed corporations or limited liability companies for which the person
 109.15 acts in the capacity of qualifying person.

109.16 Subd. 1d. **Required information.** (a) Each licensee or applicant for licensure shall
 109.17 provide to the commissioner a current street address and telephone number where the
 109.18 licensee resides, and a street address and telephone number where the licensee's business
 109.19 is physically located. A post office box address is not sufficient to satisfy this requirement.
 109.20 Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing of any
 109.21 change in the required information within 15 days of the change.

109.22 (b) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing
 109.23 upon any change in control, ownership, officers or directors, personal name, business
 109.24 name, license name, or qualifying person, within 15 days of the change.

109.25 (c) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing if
 109.26 the licensee or applicant for licensure is found to be a judgment debtor based upon conduct
 109.27 requiring licensure pursuant to sections 326.83 to 326.98 within 15 days of the finding.

109.28 (d) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing
 109.29 within 15 days of filing a petition for bankruptcy.

109.30 (e) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing
 109.31 within ten days if the licensee or applicant for licensure has been found guilty of a felony,
 109.32 gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or any comparable offense related to residential
 109.33 contracting, including convictions of fraud, misrepresentation, misuse of funds, theft,
 109.34 criminal sexual conduct, assault, burglary, conversion of funds, or theft of proceeds in this
 109.35 or any other state or any other United States jurisdiction.

109.36 Subd. 3. **Exemptions.** The license requirement does not apply to:

110.1 (1) an employee of a licensee performing work for the licensee;

110.2 (2) a material person, manufacturer, or retailer furnishing finished products,

110.3 materials, or articles of merchandise who does not install or attach the items;

110.4 (3) an owner ~~or owners~~ of residential real estate who ~~build or improve~~ builds or

110.5 improves any structure on residential real estate and who do the work themselves or

110.6 jointly with the owner's own, if the building or improving is performed by the owner's

110.7 bona fide employees or by individual owners personally. This exemption does not apply

110.8 ~~to a person who engages in a pattern of building or improving real estate for purposes of~~

110.9 ~~resale. Such a pattern is presumed to exist if the person constructs or improves more~~

110.10 ~~than one property within any 24-month period;~~ an owner who constructs or improves

110.11 property for purposes of speculation if the building or improving is performed by the

110.12 owner's bona fide employees or by individual owners personally. A residential building

110.13 contractor or residential remodeler will be presumed to be building or improving for

110.14 purposes of speculation if the contractor or remodeler constructs or improves more than

110.15 one property within any 24-month period.

110.16 (4) an architect or professional engineer engaging in professional practice as defined

110.17 ~~in this chapter~~ by section 326.02, subdivisions 2 and 3;

110.18 (5) a person whose total gross annual receipts ~~from projects regulated under this~~

110.19 ~~section~~ for performing specialty skills for which licensure would be required under this

110.20 section do not exceed \$15,000;

110.21 (6) a mechanical contractor;

110.22 (7) a plumber, electrician, or other person whose profession is otherwise subject to

110.23 statewide licensing, when engaged in the activity which is the subject of that licensure;

110.24 (8) specialty contractors who provide only one special skill as defined in section

110.25 326.83;

110.26 (9) a school district, or a technical college governed under chapter 136F; and

110.27 ~~(10) manufactured housing installers; and~~

110.28 ~~(11)~~ (10) Habitat for Humanity and Builders Outreach Foundation, and their

110.29 individual volunteers when engaged in activities on their behalf.

110.30 To qualify for the exemption in clause (5), a person must obtain a certificate of

110.31 exemption from ~~licensing~~ licensure from the commissioner.

110.32 A certificate of exemption will be issued upon the applicant's filing with the

110.33 commissioner, an affidavit stating that the applicant does not expect to exceed \$15,000 in

110.34 gross annual receipts derived from ~~contracting activities during the calendar year for which~~

110.35 ~~the exemption is requested~~ performing services which require licensure under this section.

111.1 To renew the exemption in clause (5), the applicant must file an affidavit stating that
 111.2 the applicant did not exceed \$15,000 in gross annual receipts during the past calendar
 111.3 year, ~~and the applicant does not expect to exceed \$15,000 in gross annual receipts during~~
 111.4 ~~the calendar year for which the exemption is requested.~~

111.5 If a person, operating under the exemption in clause (5), exceeds \$15,000 in gross
 111.6 receipts during any calendar year, the person must immediately surrender the exemption
 111.7 certificate and apply for the appropriate license. The person must remain licensed until
 111.8 such time as the person's gross annual receipts during a calendar year fall below \$15,000.
 111.9 The person may then apply for ~~this~~ an exemption for the next calendar year.

111.10 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.841, is amended to read:

111.11 **326.841 MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLERS.**

111.12 (a) Manufactured home installers are subject to all of the requirements of sections
 111.13 326.83 to 326.98, except for the following:

111.14 ~~(1) manufactured home installers are not members of the advisory council under~~
 111.15 ~~section 326.85;~~

111.16 ~~(2)~~ (1) manufactured home installers are not subject to the continuing education
 111.17 requirements of section 326.87, but are subject to the continuing education requirements
 111.18 established in rules adopted under section 327B.10;

111.19 ~~(3)~~ (2) the examination requirement of section 326.89, subdivision 3, for
 111.20 manufactured home installers shall be satisfied by successful completion of a written
 111.21 examination ~~designed~~ administered and developed specifically for the examination of
 111.22 manufactured home installers. The examination must be ~~designed~~ administered and
 111.23 developed by the commissioner ~~in conjunction with the state building code division.~~ The
 111.24 commissioner and ~~State Building Code Division~~ the state building official shall seek
 111.25 advice on the grading, monitoring, and updating of examinations from the Minnesota
 111.26 Manufactured Housing Association;

111.27 ~~(4) the amount of the bond required by section 326.94 shall be \$2,500 for~~
 111.28 ~~manufactured home installers;~~

111.29 ~~(5)~~ (3) a local government unit may not place a surcharge on a license fee, and
 111.30 may not charge a separate fee to installers;

111.31 ~~(6)~~ (4) a dealer or distributor who does not install or repair manufactured homes is
 111.32 exempt from licensure under sections 326.83 to 326.98; ~~and~~

111.33 ~~(7)~~ (5) the exemption under section 326.84, subdivision 3, clause (5), does not
 111.34 apply; and

112.1 (6) manufactured home installers are not subject to the contractor recovery fund
 112.2 in section 326.975.

112.3 (b) The commissioner may waive all or part of the requirements for licensure
 112.4 as a manufactured home installer for any individual who holds an unexpired license or
 112.5 certificate issued by any other state or other United States jurisdiction if the licensing
 112.6 requirements of that jurisdiction meet or exceed the corresponding licensing requirements
 112.7 of the department.

112.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.842, is amended to read:

112.9 **326.842 RESIDENTIAL ROOFERS.**

112.10 Residential roofers are subject to all of the requirements of sections 326.83 to 326.98
 112.11 and ~~326.991~~, except the recovery fund in section 326.975.

112.12 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.86, is amended to read:

112.13 **326.86 FEES.**

112.14 Subdivision 1. **Licensing fee.** The licensing fee for persons licensed pursuant to
 112.15 sections 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98 is ~~\$100~~ \$70 per year.

112.16 Subd. 2. **Local surcharge.** A local government unit may place a surcharge in an
 112.17 amount no greater than \$5 on each land use, zoning, or building permit that requires a
 112.18 licensed residential building contractor, residential remodeler, ~~or specialty contractor~~
 112.19 residential roofer, or manufactured home installer for the purpose of license verification.
 112.20 The local government may verify a license by telephone ~~or~~, facsimile ~~machine~~ or
 112.21 electronic communication. A local government unit shall not issue a land use, zoning, or
 112.22 building permit unless the required license has been verified and is current.

112.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to subdivision 1 are effective July 1, 2007.

112.24 The amendments to subdivision 2 are effective December 1, 2007.

112.25 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.87, is amended to read:

112.26 **326.87 CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

112.27 Subdivision 1. **Standards.** The commissioner, ~~in consultation with the council,~~ may
 112.28 by rule adopt standards for continuing education requirements and course and instructor
 112.29 approval. The standards must include requirements for continuing education in the
 112.30 implementation of energy codes applicable to buildings and other building codes designed
 112.31 to conserve energy. ~~Except for the course content, the standards must be consistent~~
 112.32 ~~with the standards established for real estate agents and other professions licensed by~~

113.1 ~~the Department of Commerce. At a minimum, the content of one hour of any required~~
 113.2 ~~continuing education must contain information on lead abatement rules and safe lead~~
 113.3 ~~abatement procedures.~~

113.4 Subd. 2. **Hours.** A qualifying person of a licensee must provide proof of completion
 113.5 of seven hours of continuing education per year in the regulated industry in which the
 113.6 licensee is licensed. ~~To the extent the commissioner considers it appropriate, courses or~~
 113.7 ~~parts of courses may be considered to satisfy both continuing education requirements~~
 113.8 ~~under this section and continuing real estate education requirements.~~

113.9 Credit may not be earned if the licensee has previously obtained credit for the same
 113.10 course as either a student or instructor during the same licensing period.

113.11 Subd. 3. **Accessibility.** To the extent possible, the commissioner shall ensure that
 113.12 continuing education courses are offered throughout the state and are easily accessible
 113.13 to all licensees.

113.14 Subd. 4. **Renewal of accreditation approval.** The commissioner is authorized to
 113.15 establish a procedure for renewal of course accreditation approval.

113.16 Subd. 5. **Content.** (a) Continuing education consists of approved courses that
 113.17 impart appropriate and related knowledge in the regulated industries pursuant to sections
 113.18 326.83 to 326.98. The burden of demonstrating that courses impart appropriate and related
 113.19 knowledge is upon the person seeking approval or credit.

113.20 (b) Course examinations will not be required for continuing education courses
 113.21 unless they are required by the sponsor.

113.22 (c) Textbooks are not required to be used for continuing education courses. If
 113.23 textbooks are not used, the coordinator must provide students with a syllabus containing,
 113.24 at a minimum, the course title, the times and dates of the course offering, the names and
 113.25 addresses or telephone numbers of the course coordinator and instructor, and a detailed
 113.26 outline of the subject materials to be covered. Any written or printed material given to
 113.27 students must be of readable quality and contain accurate and current information.

113.28 (d) Upon completion of an approved course, licensees shall earn one hour of
 113.29 continuing education credit for each hour approved by the commissioner. Each continuing
 113.30 education course must be attended in its entirety in order to receive credit for the number
 113.31 of approved hours. Courses may be approved for full or partial credit, and for more than
 113.32 one regulated industry.

113.33 Continuing education credit in an approved course shall be awarded to presenting
 113.34 instructors on the basis of one credit for each hour of preparation for the initial presentation,
 113.35 which may not exceed three hours total credit for each approved course. Continuing

114.1 education credit may not be earned if the licensee has previously obtained credit for the
114.2 same course as a licensee or as an instructor within the three years immediately prior.

114.3 (e) The following courses will not be approved for credit:

114.4 (1) courses designed solely to prepare students for a license examination;

114.5 (2) courses in mechanical office or business skills, including typing, speed reading,
114.6 or other machines or equipment. Computer courses are allowed, if appropriate and related
114.7 to the regulated industry of the licensee;

114.8 (3) courses in sales promotion, including meetings held in conjunction with the
114.9 general business of the licensee;

114.10 (4) courses in motivation, salesmanship, psychology, time management, or
114.11 communication; or

114.12 (5) courses that are primarily intended to impart knowledge of specific products of
114.13 specific companies, if the use of the product or products relates to the sales promotion or
114.14 marketing of one or more of the products discussed.

114.15 Subd. 6. **Course approval.** (a) Courses must be approved by the commissioner
114.16 in advance and will be approved on the basis of the applicant's compliance with the
114.17 provisions of this section relating to continuing education in the regulated industries. The
114.18 commissioner shall make the final determination as to the approval and assignment of
114.19 credit hours for courses. Courses must be at least one hour in length.

114.20 Individuals requesting credit for continuing education courses that have not
114.21 been previously approved shall, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, submit an
114.22 application for approval of continuing education credit accompanied by a nonrefundable
114.23 fee of \$10 for each course to be reviewed. To be approved, courses must be in compliance
114.24 with the provisions of this section governing the types of courses that will and will not
114.25 be approved.

114.26 Approval will not be granted for time spent on meals or other unrelated activities.
114.27 Breaks may not be accumulated in order to dismiss the class early. Classes shall not be
114.28 offered by a provider to any one student for longer than eight hours in one day, excluding
114.29 meal breaks.

114.30 (b) Application for course approval must be submitted 30 days before the course
114.31 offering.

114.32 (c) Approval must be granted for a subsequent offering of identical continuing
114.33 education courses without requiring a new application if a notice of the subsequent
114.34 offering is filed with the commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the date the course is
114.35 to be held. The commissioner shall deny future offerings of courses if they are found not
114.36 to be in compliance with the laws relating to course approval.

115.1 Subd. 7. **Courses open to all.** All course offerings must be open to any interested
115.2 individuals. Access may be restricted by the sponsor based on class size only. Courses
115.3 must not be approved if attendance is restricted to any particular group of people, except
115.4 for company-sponsored courses allowed by applicable law.

115.5 Subd. 8. **Course coordinator.** (a) Each course of study shall have at least one
115.6 coordinator, approved by the commissioner, who is responsible for supervising the
115.7 program and ensuring compliance with all relevant law. Sponsors may engage an
115.8 additional approved coordinator in order to assist the coordinator or to act as a substitute
115.9 for the coordinator in the event of an emergency or illness.

115.10 (b) The commissioner shall approve as a coordinator a person meeting one or more
115.11 of the following criteria:

115.12 (1) at least three years of full-time experience in the administration of an education
115.13 program during the five-year period immediately before the date of application;

115.14 (2) a degree in education plus two years' experience during the immediately
115.15 preceding five-year period in one of the regulated industries for which courses are being
115.16 approved; or

115.17 (3) a minimum of five years' experience within the previous six years in the regulated
115.18 industry for which courses are held.

115.19 Subd. 9. **Responsibilities.** A coordinator is responsible for:

115.20 (1) ensuring compliance with all laws and rules relating to continuing educational
115.21 offerings governed by the commissioner;

115.22 (2) ensuring that students are provided with current and accurate information relating
115.23 to the laws and rules governing their licensed activity;

115.24 (3) supervising and evaluating courses and instructors. Supervision includes
115.25 ensuring that all areas of the curriculum are addressed without redundancy and that
115.26 continuity is present throughout the entire course;

115.27 (4) ensuring that instructors are qualified to teach the course offering;

115.28 (5) furnishing the commissioner, upon request, with copies of course and instructor
115.29 evaluations and qualifications of instructors. Evaluations must be completed by students at
115.30 the time the course is offered and by coordinators within five days after the course offering;

115.31 (6) investigating complaints related to course offerings or instructors. A copy of
115.32 the written complaint must be sent to the commissioner within ten days of receipt of
115.33 the complaint and a copy of the complaint resolution must be sent not more than ten
115.34 days after resolution is reached;

115.35 (7) maintaining accurate records relating to course offerings, instructors, tests
115.36 taken by students if required, and student attendance for a period of three years from the

116.1 date on which the course was completed. These records must be made available to the
116.2 commissioner upon request. In the event that a sponsor ceases operation for any reason,
116.3 the coordinator is responsible for maintaining the records or providing a custodian for the
116.4 records acceptable to the commissioner. The coordinator must notify the commissioner
116.5 of the name and address of that person. In order to be acceptable to the commissioner,
116.6 custodians must agree to make copies of acknowledgments available to students at a
116.7 reasonable fee. Under no circumstances will the commissioner act as custodian of the
116.8 records;

116.9 (8) ensuring that the coordinator is available to instructors and students throughout
116.10 course offerings and providing to the students and instructor the name of the coordinator
116.11 and a telephone number at which the coordinator can be reached;

116.12 (9) attending workshops or instructional programs as reasonably required by the
116.13 commissioner;

116.14 (10) providing course completion certificates within ten days of, but not before,
116.15 completion of the entire course. Course completion certificates must be completed in
116.16 their entirety. Course completion certificates must contain the following statement: "If
116.17 you have any comments about this course offering, please mail them to the Minnesota
116.18 Department of Labor and Industry." The current address of the department must be
116.19 included. A coordinator may require payment of the course tuition as a condition for
116.20 receiving the course completion certificate; and

116.21 (11) notifying the commissioner in writing within ten days of any change in the
116.22 information in an application for approval on file with the commissioner.

116.23 Subd. 10. **Instructors.** (a) Each continuing education course shall have an instructor
116.24 who is qualified by education, training, or experience to ensure competent instruction.
116.25 Failure to have only qualified instructors teach at an approved course offering will result
116.26 in loss of course approval. Coordinators are responsible to ensure that an instructor is
116.27 qualified to teach the course offering.

116.28 (b) Qualified continuing education instructors must have one of the following
116.29 qualifications:

116.30 (1) a four-year degree in any area plus two years' practical experience in the subject
116.31 area being taught;

116.32 (2) five years' practical experience in the subject area being taught; or

116.33 (3) a college or graduate degree in the subject area being taught.

116.34 (c) Approved instructors are responsible for:

116.35 (1) compliance with all laws and rules relating to continuing education;

116.36 (2) providing students with current and accurate information;

117.1 (3) maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning in the classroom;
117.2 (4) verifying attendance of students, and certifying course completion;
117.3 (5) providing assistance to students and responding to questions relating to course
117.4 materials; and

117.5 (6) attending the workshops or instructional programs that are required by the
117.6 commissioner.

117.7 Subd. 11. **Prohibited practices for coordinators and instructors.** (a) In
117.8 connection with an approved continuing education course, coordinators and instructors
117.9 shall not:

117.10 (1) recommend or promote the services or practices of a particular business;

117.11 (2) encourage or recruit individuals to engage the services of, or become associated
117.12 with, a particular business;

117.13 (3) use materials, clothing, or other evidences of affiliation with a particular entity;

117.14 (4) require students to participate in other programs or services offered by the
117.15 instructor, coordinator, or sponsor;

117.16 (5) attempt, either directly or indirectly, to discover questions or answers on an
117.17 examination for a license;

117.18 (6) disseminate to any other person specific questions, problems, or information
117.19 known or believed to be included in licensing examinations;

117.20 (7) misrepresent any information submitted to the commissioner;

117.21 (8) fail to cover, or ensure coverage of, all points, issues, and concepts contained in
117.22 the course outline approved by the commissioner during the approved instruction; or

117.23 (9) issue inaccurate course completion certificates.

117.24 (b) Coordinators shall notify the commissioner within ten days of a felony or
117.25 gross misdemeanor conviction or of disciplinary action taken against an occupational or
117.26 professional license held by the coordinator or an instructor teaching an approved course.

117.27 The notification shall be grounds for the commissioner to withdraw the approval of the
117.28 coordinator and to disallow the use of the instructor.

117.29 Subd. 12. **Fees.** Fees for an approved course of study and related materials must
117.30 be clearly identified to students. In the event that a course is canceled for any reason, all
117.31 fees must be returned within 15 days from the date of cancellation. In the event that a
117.32 course is postponed for any reason, students shall be given the choice of attending the
117.33 course at a later date or having their fees refunded in full within 15 days from the date
117.34 of postponement. If a student is unable to attend a course or cancels the registration in a
117.35 course, sponsor policies regarding refunds shall govern.

118.1 Subd. 13. **Facilities.** Each course of study must be conducted in a classroom
118.2 or other facility that is adequate to comfortably accommodate the instructors and the
118.3 number of students enrolled. The sponsor may limit the number of students enrolled in a
118.4 course. Approved courses may be held on the premises of a company doing business in
118.5 the regulated area only when the company is sponsoring the course offering, or where
118.6 product application is appropriate and related.

118.7 Subd. 14. **Supplementary materials.** An adequate supply of supplementary
118.8 materials to be used or distributed in connection with an approved course must be available
118.9 at the time and place of the course offering in order to ensure that each student receives all
118.10 of the necessary materials. Outlines and any other materials that are reproduced must be
118.11 of readable quality.

118.12 Subd. 15. **Advertising courses.** (a) Paragraphs (b) to (g) govern the advertising
118.13 of continuing education courses.

118.14 (b) Advertising must be truthful and not deceptive or misleading. Courses may not
118.15 be advertised in any manner as approved unless approval has been granted in writing by
118.16 the commissioner.

118.17 (c) No advertisement, pamphlet, circular, or other similar materials pertaining to
118.18 an approved offering may be circulated or distributed in this state, unless the following
118.19 statement is prominently displayed:

118.20 "This course has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
118.21 for (approved number of hours) hours for continuing (relevant industry)
118.22 education."

118.23 (d) Advertising of approved courses must be clearly distinguishable from the
118.24 advertisement of other nonapproved courses and services.

118.25 (e) Continuing education courses may not be advertised before approval unless the
118.26 course is described in the advertising as "approval pending" and an application for approval
118.27 has been timely submitted to the commissioner and a denial has not been received.

118.28 (f) The number of hours for which a course has been approved must be prominently
118.29 displayed on an advertisement for the course. If the course offering is longer than the
118.30 number of hours of credit to be given, it must be clear that credit is not earned for the
118.31 entire course.

118.32 (g) The course approval number must not be included in any advertisement.

118.33 Subd. 16. **Notice to students.** At the beginning of each approved offering, the
118.34 following notice must be handed out in printed form or must be read to students:

119.1 "This educational offering is recognized by the Minnesota Department of Labor and
119.2 Industry as satisfying (insert number of hours approved) hours of credit toward
119.3 continuing (insert appropriate industry) education requirements."

119.4 Subd. 17. **Audits.** The commissioner reserves the right to audit subject offerings
119.5 with or without notice to the sponsor.

119.6 Subd. 18. **Falsification of reports.** A licensee, its qualified person, or an applicant
119.7 found to have falsified an education report to the commissioner shall be considered to
119.8 have violated the laws relating to the industry for which the person has a license and
119.9 shall be subject to censure, limitation, condition, suspension, or revocation of the license
119.10 or denial of the application for licensure.

119.11 The commissioner reserves the right to audit a licensee's continuing education
119.12 records.

119.13 Subd. 19. **Waivers and extensions.** If a licensee provides documentation to the
119.14 commissioner that the licensee or its qualifying person is unable, and will continue to be
119.15 unable, to attend actual classroom course work because of a physical disability, medical
119.16 condition, or similar reason, attendance at continuing education courses shall be waived
119.17 for a period not to exceed one year. The commissioner shall require that the licensee or
119.18 its qualifying person satisfactorily complete a self-study program to include reading a
119.19 sufficient number of textbooks, or listening to a sufficient number of tapes, related to the
119.20 regulated industry, as would be necessary for the licensee to satisfy continuing educational
119.21 credit hour needs. The commissioner shall award the licensee credit hours for a self-study
119.22 program by determining how many credit hours would be granted to a classroom course
119.23 involving the same material and giving the licensee the same number of credit hours under
119.24 this part. The licensee may apply each year for a new waiver upon the same terms and
119.25 conditions as were necessary to secure the original waiver, and must demonstrate that in
119.26 subsequent years, the licensee was unable to complete actual classroom course work.
119.27 The commissioner may request documentation of the condition upon which the request
119.28 for waiver is based as is necessary to satisfy the commissioner of the existence of the
119.29 condition and that the condition does preclude attendance at continuing education courses.

119.30 Upon written proof demonstrating a medical hardship, the commissioner shall
119.31 extend, for up to 90 days, the time period during which the continuing education must be
119.32 successfully completed. Loss of income from either attendance at courses or cancellation
119.33 of a license is not a bona fide financial hardship. Requests for extensions must be
119.34 submitted to the commissioner in writing no later than 60 days before the education is
119.35 due and must include an explanation with verification of the hardship, plus verification of
119.36 enrollment at an approved course of study on or before the extension period expires.

120.1 Subd. 20. Reporting requirements. Required continuing education must be
 120.2 reported in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Licensees are responsible for
 120.3 maintaining copies of course completion certificates.

120.4 Subd. 21. Residential building contractor, residential remodeler, and residential
 120.5 roofer education. (a) Each licensee must, during the licensee's first complete continuing
 120.6 education reporting period, complete and report one hour of continuing education relating
 120.7 to lead abatement rules in safe lead abatement procedures.

120.8 (b) Each licensee must, during each continuing education reporting period, complete
 120.9 and report one hour of continuing education relating to energy codes for buildings and
 120.10 other building codes designed to conserve energy.

120.11 Subd. 22. Continuing education approval. (a) Continuing education courses must
 120.12 be approved in advance by the commissioner of labor and industry. "Sponsor" means any
 120.13 person or entity offering approved education.

120.14 (b) For coordinators with an initial approval date before August 1, 2005, approval
 120.15 will expire on December 31, 2005. For courses with an initial approval date on or before
 120.16 December 31, 2000, approval will expire on April 30, 2006. For courses with an initial
 120.17 approval date after January 1, 2001, but before August 1, 2005, approval will expire
 120.18 on April 30, 2007.

120.19 Subd. 23. Continuing education fees. The following fees shall be paid to the
 120.20 commissioner:

120.21 (1) initial course approval, \$10 for each hour or fraction of one hour of continuing
 120.22 education course approval sought. Initial course approval expires on the last day of the
 120.23 24th month after the course is approved;

120.24 (2) renewal of course approval, \$10 per course. Renewal of course approval expires
 120.25 on the last day of the 24th month after the course is renewed;

120.26 (3) initial coordinator approval, \$100. Initial coordinator approval expires on the last
 120.27 day of the 24th month after the coordinator is approved; and

120.28 (4) renewal of coordinator approval, \$10. Renewal of coordinator approval expires
 120.29 on the last day of the 24th month after the coordinator is renewed.

120.30 Subd. 24. Refunds. All fees paid to the commissioner under this section are
 120.31 nonrefundable, except that an overpayment of a fee shall be returned upon proper
 120.32 application.

120.33 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.88, is amended to read:

120.34 **326.88 LOSS OF QUALIFYING PERSON.**

121.1 Upon the departure or disqualification of a licensee's qualifying person because of
 121.2 death, disability, retirement, position change, or other reason, the licensee must notify
 121.3 the commissioner within 15 business days. The licensee shall have 120 days from the
 121.4 departure of the qualifying person to obtain a new qualifying person. Failure to secure a
 121.5 new qualifying person within 120 days will, with or without notice, result in the automatic
 121.6 termination of the license.

121.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.89, is amended to read:

121.8 **326.89 APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION.**

121.9 Subdivision 1. **Form.** An applicant for a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98
 121.10 must submit an application ~~to the commissioner~~, under oath and accompanied by the
 121.11 license fee required by section 326.86, on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

121.12 Within 30 business days of receiving all required information, the commissioner must
 121.13 act on the license request. If one of the categories in the application does not apply, the
 121.14 applicant must identify the category and state the reason the category does not apply. The
 121.15 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the application is not complete or contains
 121.16 unsatisfactory information.

121.17 Subd. 2. **Contents.** ~~The~~ Each application must include the following information
 121.18 regarding the applicant:

121.19 (1) Minnesota workers' compensation insurance certificate;

121.20 (2) employment insurance account number;

121.21 (3) certificate of liability insurance;

121.22 (4) type of license requested;

121.23 (5) ~~name and, current address of the applicant,~~ name and current address of the
 121.24 applicant resides;

121.25 ~~(i)~~ (6) name and address of the applicant's qualifying person, if other than applicant;

121.26 and

121.27 ~~(ii)~~ (7) if the applicant is a sole proprietorship, the name and address of the sole
 121.28 proprietor; if the applicant is a partnership, the name and address of each partner; if the
 121.29 applicant is a limited liability company, the name and address of each governor and
 121.30 manager; if the applicant is a corporation, the name and address of each of the corporate
 121.31 officers, directors, and all shareholders holding more than ten percent of the outstanding
 121.32 stock in the corporation;

121.33 (8) name and address of the applicant's agent in this state authorized to receive
 121.34 service of process, and a consent to service of process as required by section 326.93;

122.1 (9) current street address and telephone number where the business is physically
 122.2 located;

122.3 ~~(6)~~ (10) whether the applicant, any employee, or qualifying person has ever been
 122.4 licensed in this or any other state and has had a professional or vocational license
 122.5 reprimanded, censured, limited, conditioned, refused, suspended, or revoked, or has been
 122.6 the subject of any administrative action;

122.7 ~~(7)~~ (11) whether the applicant, qualifying person, or any of the applicant's corporate
 122.8 or partnership directors, limited liability company governors, officers, limited or general
 122.9 partners, managers, all shareholders holding more than ten percent of the share of the
 122.10 corporation that have been issued, or all members holding more than ten percent of the
 122.11 voting power of the membership interests that have been issued, has been convicted
 122.12 of a crime that either related directly to the business for which the license is sought or
 122.13 involved fraud, misrepresentation, or misuse of funds; has suffered a judgment in a civil
 122.14 action involving fraud, misrepresentation, construction defect, negligence, ~~or~~ breach
 122.15 of contract, or conversion of funds within the ten years prior to the submission of the
 122.16 application; or has had any government license or permit reprimanded, censured, limited,
 122.17 conditioned, suspended, or revoked as a result of an action brought by a federal, state, or
 122.18 local governmental unit or agency in this or any other state;

122.19 ~~(8)~~ (12) the applicant's and qualifying person's business history for the past five
 122.20 years and whether the applicant, ~~any~~ a managing employee, or qualifying person has ever
 122.21 filed for bankruptcy or protection from creditors or has any unsatisfied judgments against
 122.22 the applicant, employee, or qualifying person;

122.23 ~~(9)~~ (13) where the applicant is a firm, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited
 122.24 liability company, corporation, or association, whether there has been a sale or transfer of
 122.25 the business or other change in ownership, control, or name in the last five years and the
 122.26 details thereof, and the names and addresses of all prior, predecessor, subsidiary, affiliated,
 122.27 parent, or related entities, and whether each such entity, or its owners, officers, directors,
 122.28 members or shareholders holding more than ten percent of the stock, or an employee has
 122.29 ever taken or been subject to an action that is subject to clause ~~(6), (7), or (8)~~ (10), (11),
 122.30 or (12) in the last ten years; and

122.31 ~~(10)~~ (14) whether the qualifying person is the qualifying person for more than one
 122.32 licensee.

122.33 For purposes of this subdivision, "applicant" includes employees who exercise
 122.34 management or policy control over the residential contracting ~~and remodeling,~~ residential
 122.35 remodeling, residential roofing, or manufactured home installation activities in the state
 122.36 of Minnesota, including affiliates, partners, directors, governors, officers, limited or

123.1 general partners, managers, all shareholders holding more than ten percent of the shares
 123.2 that have been issued, a shareholder holding more than ten percent of the voting power
 123.3 of the shares that have been issued, or all members holding more than ten percent of the
 123.4 membership interests that have been issued or more than ten percent of the voting power
 123.5 of the membership interests that have been issued.

123.6 The commissioner may require further information as the commissioner deems
 123.7 appropriate to administer the provisions and further the purposes of this chapter.

123.8 Subd. 3. **Examination.** (a) Each qualifying person must satisfactorily complete a
 123.9 written examination for the type of license requested. The commissioner may establish
 123.10 the examination qualifications, including related education experience and education, the
 123.11 examination procedure, and the examination for each licensing group. The examination
 123.12 must include at a minimum the following areas:

123.13 (1) appropriate knowledge of technical terms commonly used and the knowledge of
 123.14 reference materials and code books to be used for technical information; and

123.15 (2) understanding of the general principles of business management and other
 123.16 pertinent state laws.

123.17 (b) Each examination must be designed for the specified type of license requested.

123.18 ~~The council shall advise the commissioner on the grading, monitoring, and updating of~~
 123.19 ~~examinations.~~

123.20 (c) ~~A person's~~ An individual's passing examination results expire two years from
 123.21 the examination date. ~~A person~~ An individual who passes the examination but does not
 123.22 choose to apply to act as a qualifying person for a licensee within two years from the
 123.23 examination date, must, upon application provide:

123.24 (1) passing examination results within two years from the date of application; or

123.25 (2) proof that the person has fulfilled the continuing education requirements in
 123.26 section 326.87 in the manner required for a qualifying person of a licensee for each license
 123.27 period after the expiration of the examination results.

123.28 ~~Subd. 4. **Competency skills.** The commissioner shall, in consultation with the~~
 123.29 ~~council, determine the competency skills and installation knowledge required for the~~
 123.30 ~~licensing of specialty contractors.~~

123.31 Subd. 5. **Exemption.** A general retailer whose primary business is not being a
 123.32 residential building contractor, residential remodeler, ~~or specialty contractor~~ residential
 123.33 roofer, or manufactured home installer, and who has completed a ~~comparable~~ license
 123.34 examination meeting or exceeding Minnesota's examination requirements in another state
 123.35 is exempt from ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision 3 and 4 and sections 326.87 and 326.88.

124.1 Subd. 6. **Additional licensing requirements.** As an alternative to denying an
 124.2 application for licensure pursuant to section 326.91, subdivision 1, the commissioner
 124.3 may, as a condition of licensure and based upon information received pursuant to
 124.4 section 326.89, subdivision 2, clauses (6) to (8), or a finding pursuant to section 326.91,
 124.5 subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (9), impose additional insurance, bonding, reporting, record
 124.6 keeping, and other requirements on the applicant as are reasonable to protect the public.

124.7 Subd. 7. **License.** A nonresident of Minnesota may be licensed as a residential
 124.8 building contractor, residential remodeler, residential roofer, or manufactured home
 124.9 installer upon compliance with all the provisions of sections 326.83 to 326.98.

124.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.90, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

124.11 Subdivision 1. **Local license prohibited.** Except as provided in sections 326.90,
 124.12 subdivision 2, ~~and 326.991,~~ a political subdivision may not require a person licensed
 124.13 under sections 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98 to also be licensed or pay a registration or other
 124.14 fee related to licensure under any ordinance, law, rule, or regulation of the political
 124.15 subdivision. This section does not prohibit charges for building permits or other charges
 124.16 not directly related to licensure.

124.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.91, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

124.18 Subdivision 1. **Cause Grounds.** ~~The commissioner may by order deny, suspend, or~~
 124.19 ~~revoke any license or may censure a licensee, and may impose a civil penalty as provided~~
 124.20 ~~for in section 45.027, subdivision 6, if the commissioner finds that the order is in the~~
 124.21 ~~public interest, and that the applicant, licensee, or affiliate of an applicant or licensee, or~~
 124.22 ~~other agent, owner, partner, director, governor, shareholder, member, officer, qualifying~~
 124.23 ~~person, or managing employee of the applicant or licensee or any person occupying a~~
 124.24 ~~similar status or performing similar functions.~~ In addition to the grounds set forth in
 124.25 section 326B.082, subdivision 11, the commissioner may deny, suspend, limit, place
 124.26 conditions on, or revoke a license or certificate of exemption, or may censure the person
 124.27 holding the license or certificate of exemption, if the applicant, licensee, certificate of
 124.28 exemption holder, qualifying person, or affiliate of an applicant, licensee, or certificate of
 124.29 exemption holder, or other agent owner has:

124.30 (1) has filed an application for ~~a license~~ licensure or a certificate of exemption
 124.31 which is incomplete in any material respect or contains any statement which, in light
 124.32 of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading with respect to any
 124.33 material fact;

124.34 (2) has engaged in a fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest practice;

125.1 (3) is permanently or temporarily enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction
 125.2 from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice involving any aspect of the
 125.3 business;

125.4 (4) has failed to reasonably supervise employees, agents, subcontractors, or
 125.5 salespersons, or has performed negligently or in breach of contract, so as to cause injury
 125.6 or harm to the public;

125.7 (5) has violated or failed to comply with any provision of sections 326.83 to 326.98
 125.8 ~~or~~, any rule or order under sections 326.83 to 326.98 or any other law, rule, or order related
 125.9 to the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the commissioner;

125.10 ~~(6) has been shown to be incompetent, untrustworthy, or financially irresponsible;~~

125.11 ~~(7) (6)~~ has been convicted of a violation of the State Building Code or, ~~in~~
 125.12 ~~jurisdictions that do not enforce the State Building Code,~~ has refused to comply with
 125.13 a notice of violation or stop order issued by a certified building official, or in local
 125.14 jurisdictions that have not adopted the State Building Code has refused to correct a
 125.15 violation of the State Building Code when the violation has been certified documented
 125.16 or a notice of violation or stop order issued by a Minnesota licensed structural engineer
 125.17 certified building official has been received;

125.18 ~~(8) (7)~~ has failed to use the proceeds of any payment made to the licensee for the
 125.19 construction of, or any improvement to, residential real estate, as defined in section 326.83,
 125.20 subdivision 17, for the payment of labor, skill, material, and machinery contributed to the
 125.21 construction or improvement, knowing that the cost of any labor performed, or skill,
 125.22 material, or machinery furnished for the improvement remains unpaid;

125.23 ~~(9) (8)~~ has not furnished to the person making payment either a valid lien waiver as to
 125.24 any unpaid labor performed, or skill, material, or machinery furnished for an improvement,
 125.25 or a payment bond in the basic amount of the contract price for the improvement
 125.26 conditioned for the prompt payment to any person or persons entitled to payment;

125.27 ~~(10) has engaged in conduct which was the basis for a contractor's recovery fund~~
 125.28 ~~payment pursuant to section 326.975, which payment has not been reimbursed;~~ ~~(9) has~~
 125.29 engaged in an act or practice that results in compensation to an aggrieved owner or lessee
 125.30 from the contractor recovery fund pursuant to section 36B.825, unless:

125.31 (i) the applicant or licensee has repaid the fund twice the amount paid from the fund,
 125.32 plus interest at the rate of 12 percent per year; and

125.33 (ii) the applicant or licensee has obtained a surety bond in the amount of at least
 125.34 \$40,000, issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state.

126.1 ~~(11)~~ (10) has engaged in bad faith, unreasonable delays, or frivolous claims in
 126.2 defense of a civil lawsuit or arbitration arising out of their activities as a licensee or
 126.3 certificate of exemption holder under this chapter;

126.4 ~~(12)~~ (11) has had a judgment entered against them for failure to make payments to
 126.5 employees ~~or~~, subcontractors, or suppliers, that the licensee has failed to satisfy and all
 126.6 appeals of the judgment have been exhausted or the period for appeal has expired;

126.7 ~~(13)~~ (12) if unlicensed, has obtained a building permit by the fraudulent use of a
 126.8 fictitious license number or the license number of another, or, if licensed, has knowingly
 126.9 allowed an unlicensed person to use the licensee's license number for the purpose of
 126.10 fraudulently obtaining a building permit; or has applied for or obtained a building permit
 126.11 for an unlicensed person.

126.12 ~~(14)~~ (13) has made use of a forged mechanics' mechanic's lien ~~waivers~~ waiver under
 126.13 chapter 514.;

126.14 (14) has provided false, misleading or incomplete information to the commissioner
 126.15 or has refused to allow a reasonable inspection of records or premises;

126.16 (15) has engaged in an act or practice whether or not the act or practice directly
 126.17 involves the business for which the person is licensed, that demonstrates that the applicant
 126.18 or licensee is untrustworthy, financially irresponsible, or otherwise incompetent or
 126.19 unqualified to act under the license granted by the commissioner; or

126.20 (16) has failed to comply with requests for information, documents, or other requests
 126.21 from the department within the time specified in the request or, if no time is specified,
 126.22 within 30 days of the mailing of the request by the department.

126.23 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.92, is amended to read:

126.24 **326.92 PENALTIES.**

126.25 ~~Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor.** A person required to be licensed under sections~~
 126.26 ~~326.83 to 326.991 who performs unlicensed work is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

126.27 Subd. 1a. **Gross misdemeanor.** ~~A person required to be licensed under sections~~
 126.28 ~~326.84 to 326.991 who violates an order under subdivision 3~~ An individual who violates
 126.29 an order of the commissioner or is the manager, officer, or director of a person who
 126.30 violates an order issued by the commissioner is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

126.31 Subd. 2. **Lien rights.** An unlicensed person who knowingly violates sections 326.83
 126.32 to 326.98 has no right to claim a lien under section 514.01 and the lien is void. Nothing
 126.33 in this section affects the lien rights of material suppliers and licensed contractors to the
 126.34 extent provided by law.

127.1 ~~Subd. 3. **Commissioner action.** The commissioner may bring actions, including~~
 127.2 ~~cease and desist actions, against any person licensed or required to be licensed under~~
 127.3 ~~sections 326.83 to 326.991 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.~~

127.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.921, is amended to read:

127.5 **326.921 BUILDING PERMIT CONDITIONED ON LICENSURE; NOTICE**
 127.6 **OF PERMIT APPLICATION.**

127.7 Subdivision 1. **Building permit.** A political subdivision shall not issue a building
 127.8 permit to an unlicensed person who is required to be licensed under sections 326.83 to
 127.9 ~~326.991~~ 326.98. A political subdivision that issues zoning or land use permits in lieu of
 127.10 a building permit shall not issue those permits to an unlicensed person who is required
 127.11 to be licensed under sections 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98. The political subdivision shall
 127.12 report the person applying for the permit to the commissioner who may bring an action
 127.13 against the person.

127.14 Subd. 2. **Notice of building permit application.** A political subdivision shall notify
 127.15 the department when an application for building permit involving the construction of new
 127.16 residential real estate has been received from an unlicensed person by submitting a copy
 127.17 of the application to the department within two business days of receipt of the application.
 127.18 The political subdivision may submit a copy of the building permit application by
 127.19 facsimile, United States mail, or electronic communication.

127.20 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.93, is amended to read:

127.21 **326.93 SERVICE OF PROCESS; ~~NONRESIDENT LICENSING.~~**

127.22 ~~Subdivision 1. **License.** A nonresident of Minnesota may be licensed as a residential~~
 127.23 ~~building contractor or residential remodeler upon compliance with all the provisions of~~
 127.24 ~~sections 326.83 to 326.991.~~

127.25 ~~Subd. 2. **Service of process.** Service of process upon a person performing work in~~
 127.26 ~~the state of a type that would require a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 may be~~
 127.27 ~~made as provided in section 45.028.~~

127.28 Subd. 3. **Procedure.** Every applicant for licensure or certificate of exemption
 127.29 under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall irrevocably consent to the appointment of the
 127.30 commissioner and successors in office to be the applicant's agent to receive service of any
 127.31 lawful process in any noncriminal suit, action, or proceeding against the applicant or a
 127.32 successor, executor, or administrator which arises under section 326.83 to 326.98 or any
 127.33 rule or order thereunder after the consent has been filed, with the same force and validity

128.1 as if served personally on the person filing the consent. Service under this section shall be
 128.2 made in compliance with subdivision 5.

128.3 Subd. 4. **Service on commissioner.** (a) When a person, including any nonresident
 128.4 of this state, engages in conduct prohibited or made actionable by sections 326.83 to
 128.5 326.98, or any rule or order under those sections, and the person has not consented to
 128.6 service of process under subdivision 3, that conduct is equivalent to an appointment of the
 128.7 commissioner and successors in office as the person's agent to receive service of process in
 128.8 any noncriminal suit, action, or proceeding against the person that is based on that conduct
 128.9 and is brought under sections 326.83 to 326.98, or any rule or order under those sections,
 128.10 with the same force and validity as if served personally on the person consenting to the
 128.11 appointment of the commissioner and successors in office. Service under this section shall
 128.12 be made in compliance with subdivision 5.

128.13 (b) Subdivision 5 applies in all other cases in which a person, including a nonresident
 128.14 of this state, has filed a consent to service of process. This paragraph supersedes any
 128.15 inconsistent provision of law.

128.16 (c) Subdivision 5 applies in all cases in which service of process is allowed to be
 128.17 made on the commissioner.

128.18 (d) Subdivision 5 applies to any document served by the commissioner or the
 128.19 department under section 326B.08.

128.20 Subd. 5. **How made.** Service of process under this section may be made by leaving
 128.21 a copy of the process in the office of the commissioner, or by sending a copy of the process
 128.22 to the commissioner by certified mail, and is not effective unless:

128.23 (1) the plaintiff, who may be the commissioner in an action or proceeding instituted
 128.24 by the commissioner, sends notice of the service and a copy of the process by certified
 128.25 mail to the defendant or respondent at the last known address; and

128.26 (2) the plaintiff's affidavit of compliance is filed in the action or proceeding on or
 128.27 before the return day of the process, if any, or within further time as the court allows.

128.28 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.94, is amended to read:

128.29 **326.94 BOND; INSURANCE.**

128.30 Subdivision 1. **Bond.** (a) Licensed manufactured home installers and licensed
 128.31 residential roofers must post a license surety bond in the name of the licensee with the
 128.32 commissioner, conditioned that the applicant shall faithfully perform the duties and
 128.33 in all things comply with all laws, ordinances, and rules pertaining to the license or
 128.34 permit applied for and all contracts entered into. The annual bond must be continuous
 128.35 and maintained for so long as the licensee remains licensed. The aggregate liability of

129.1 the surety on the bond to any and all persons, regardless of the number of claims made
 129.2 against the bond, may not exceed the amount of the bond. The bond may be canceled as
 129.3 to future liability by the surety upon 30 days' written notice mailed to the commissioner
 129.4 by regular mail.

129.5 (b) A licensed residential roofer must post a bond of at least ~~\$5,000~~ \$15,000.

129.6 (c) A licensed manufactured home installer must post a bond of at least \$2,500.

129.7 Bonds issued under sections 326.83 to 326.98 are not state bonds or contracts for
 129.8 purposes of sections 8.05 and 16C.05, subdivision 2.

129.9 Subd. 2. **Insurance.** Licensees must have public liability insurance with limits of at
 129.10 least ~~\$100,000~~ \$300,000 per occurrence, which must include at least \$10,000 property
 129.11 damage coverage. The insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to do business in
 129.12 this state. The commissioner may increase the minimum amount of insurance required
 129.13 for any licensee or class of licensees if the commissioner considers it to be in the public
 129.14 interest and necessary to protect the interests of Minnesota consumers.

129.15 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.95, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

129.16 Subd. 2. **Advertising.** The license number of a licensee must appear in any
 129.17 advertising by that licensee including but not limited to signs, vehicles, business cards,
 129.18 published display ads, flyers, ~~and~~ brochures, Web sites, and Internet ads.

129.19 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.96, is amended to read:

129.20 **326.96 PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

129.21 The commissioner may develop materials and programs to educate the public
 129.22 concerning licensing licensure requirements ~~and methods~~. The commissioner may
 129.23 develop materials for reporting unlicensed contracting activity.

129.24 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.97, is amended to read:

129.25 **326.97 LICENSE RENEWAL.**

129.26 Subdivision 1. **Renewal.** ~~Licensees~~ A licensee whose ~~applications have~~ fully
 129.27 completed renewal application has been properly and timely filed and who ~~have~~ has
 129.28 not received a notice of denial of renewal ~~are~~ is considered to have been approved for
 129.29 renewal and may continue to transact business whether or not the renewed license has
 129.30 been received. Applications are timely if received ~~or postmarked~~ by March 1 of the
 129.31 renewal year. Applications must be made on a form approved by the commissioner.
 129.32 An application for renewal that does not contain all of the information requested is an
 129.33 incomplete application and will not be processed.

130.1 Subd. 1a. **Annual renewal.** Any license issued or renewed after August 1, 1993,
130.2 must be renewed annually.

130.3 Subd. 2. **Failure to apply renew.** A person who has failed to make a timely
130.4 application for renewal of a license ~~by March 31 of the renewal year~~ is unlicensed at
130.5 11:59:59 p.m. central time on March 31 of the renewal year and remains unlicensed until
130.6 ~~the~~ a renewed license has been issued by the commissioner and is received by the applicant.

130.7 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** All licenses expire at 11:59:59 p.m. central time on March 31
130.8 of the renewal year if not properly renewed.

130.9 Sec. 24. **[326B.801] SCOPE.**

130.10 Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of sections 326B.801 to
130.11 326B.825 apply to residential contractors, residential remodelers, residential roofers,
130.12 and manufactured home installers.

130.13 Sec. 25. **[326B.804] LICENSE RECIPROCITY.**

130.14 The commissioner may waive all or part of the requirements for prelicense education
130.15 or examination to any person who holds an unexpired license or certificate issued by
130.16 proper authority in the District of Columbia, or any state or territory of the United States if
130.17 the licensing requirements of that jurisdiction meet or exceed the corresponding licensing
130.18 requirements of the Department of Labor and Industry.

130.19 Sec. 26. **[326B.809] WRITTEN CONTRACT REQUIRED.**

130.20 (a) All agreements including proposals, estimates, bids, quotations, contracts,
130.21 purchase orders, and change orders between a licensee and a customer for the performance
130.22 of a licensee's services must be in writing and must contain the following:

130.23 (1) a detailed summary of the services to be performed;

130.24 (2) a description of the specific materials to be used or a list of standard features
130.25 to be included; and

130.26 (3) the total contract price or a description of the basis on which the price will
130.27 be calculated.

130.28 (b) All agreements shall be signed and dated by the licensee and customer.

130.29 (c) The licensee shall provide to the customer, at no charge, a signed and dated
130.30 document at the time that the licensee and customer sign and date the document.

130.31 Documents include agreements and mechanic's lien waivers.

130.32 Sec. 27. **[326B.814] REHABILITATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.**

131.1 Chapter 364 does not apply to an applicant for a license or to a licensee where
 131.2 the underlying conduct on which the conviction is based would be grounds for denial,
 131.3 censure, suspension, or revocation of the license.

131.4 **Sec. 28. [326B.82] DEFINITIONS.**

131.5 Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** For the purposes of section 326.87,
 131.6 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them, unless the context clearly
 131.7 indicates otherwise.

131.8 Subd. 2. **Appropriate and related knowledge.** "Appropriate and related
 131.9 knowledge" means facts, information, or principles that are clearly relevant to the licensee
 131.10 in performing responsibilities under a license issued by the commissioner. These facts,
 131.11 information, or principles must convey substantive and procedural knowledge as it relates
 131.12 to postlicensing issues and must be relevant to the technical aspects of a particular area
 131.13 of continuing education.

131.14 Subd. 3. **Classroom hour.** "Classroom hour" means a 50-minute hour.

131.15 Subd. 4. **Coordinator.** "Coordinator" means an individual who is responsible for
 131.16 monitoring approved educational offerings.

131.17 Subd. 5. **Instructor.** "Instructor" means an individual lecturing in an approved
 131.18 educational offering.

131.19 Subd. 6. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a person licensed by the Minnesota
 131.20 Department of Labor and Industry for whom an examination is required before licensure.

131.21 Subd. 7. **Medical hardship.** "Medical hardship" includes a documented physical
 131.22 disability or medical condition.

131.23 Subd. 8. **Overpayment.** "Overpayment" means any payment of money in excess
 131.24 of a statutory fee.

131.25 Subd. 9. **Regulated industries.** "Regulated industries" means residential
 131.26 contracting, residential remodeling, or residential roofing. Each of these is a regulated
 131.27 industry.

131.28 Subd. 10. **Sponsor.** "Sponsor" means any person or entity offering or providing
 131.29 approved continuing education.

131.30 **Sec. 29. [326B.89] CONTRACTOR RECOVERY FUND.**

131.31 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
 131.32 have the meanings given them.

131.33 (b) "Gross annual receipts" means the total amount derived from residential
 131.34 contracting or residential remodeling activities, regardless of where the activities are

132.1 performed, and must not be reduced by costs of goods sold, expenses, losses, or any
132.2 other amount.

132.3 (c) "Licensee" means a person licensed as a residential contractor or residential
132.4 remodeler.

132.5 (d) "Residential real estate" means a new or existing building constructed for
132.6 habitation by one to four families, and includes detached garages.

132.7 (e) "Fund" means the contractor recovery fund.

132.8 Subd. 2. **Generally.** The contractor recovery fund is created in the state treasury
132.9 and shall be administered by the commissioner for the purposes described in this section.
132.10 Any interest or profit accruing from investment of money in the fund shall be credited
132.11 to the contractor recovery fund.

132.12 Subd. 3. **Fund fees.** In addition to any other fees, a person who applies for or
132.13 renews a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall pay a fee to the fund. The person
132.14 shall pay, in addition to the appropriate application or renewal fee, the following additional
132.15 fee that shall be deposited in the fund. The amount of the fee shall be based on the person's
132.16 gross annual receipts for the person's most recent fiscal year preceding the application or
132.17 renewal, on the following scale:

132.18	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Gross Annual Receipts</u>
132.19	<u>\$160</u>	<u>under \$1,000,000</u>
132.20	<u>\$210</u>	<u>\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000</u>
132.21	<u>\$260</u>	<u>over \$5,000,000</u>

132.22 Subd. 4. **Purpose of fund.** The purpose of this fund is to:

132.23 (1) compensate owners or lessees of residential real estate who meet the requirements
132.24 of this section;

132.25 (2) reimburse the department for all legal and administrative expenses,
132.26 disbursements, and costs, including staffing costs, incurred in administering and defending
132.27 the fund;

132.28 (3) pay for educational or research projects in the field of residential contracting to
132.29 further the purposes of sections 326B.801 to 326B.825; and

132.30 (4) provide information to the public on residential contracting issues.

132.31 Subd. 5. **Payment limitations.** Except as otherwise provided in this section,
132.32 the commissioner shall not pay compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee
132.33 in an amount greater than \$75,000. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
132.34 commissioner shall not pay compensation from the fund to owners and lessees in an
132.35 amount that totals more than \$150,000 per licensee. The commissioner shall not pay

133.1 compensation from the fund for a final judgment based on a cause of action that arose
 133.2 before the commissioner's receipt of the licensee's fee required by subdivision 3.

133.3 Subd. 6. **Verified application.** To be eligible for compensation from the fund, an
 133.4 owner or lessee shall serve on the commissioner a verified application for compensation
 133.5 on a form approved by the commissioner. The application shall verify the following
 133.6 information:

133.7 (1) the specific grounds upon which the owner or lessee seeks to recover from
 133.8 the fund:

133.9 (2) that the owner or the lessee has obtained a final judgment in a court of competent
 133.10 jurisdiction against a licensee licensed under section 326B.803;

133.11 (3) that the final judgment was obtained against the licensee on the grounds of
 133.12 fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest practices, conversion of funds, or failure of performance
 133.13 that arose directly out of a transaction that occurred when the licensee was licensed and
 133.14 performing any of the special skills enumerated under section 326B.802, subdivision 19;

133.15 (4) the amount of the owner's or the lessee's actual and direct out-of-pocket loss on
 133.16 the owner's residential real estate, on residential real estate leased by the lessee, or on new
 133.17 residential real estate that has never been occupied or that was occupied by the licensee
 133.18 for less than one year prior to purchase by the owner;

133.19 (5) that the residential real estate is located in Minnesota;

133.20 (6) that the owner or the lessee is not the spouse of the licensee or the personal
 133.21 representative of the licensee;

133.22 (7) the amount of the final judgment, any amount paid in satisfaction of the final
 133.23 judgment, and the amount owing on the final judgment as of the date of the verified
 133.24 application; and

133.25 (8) that the verified application is being served within two years after the judgment
 133.26 became final.

133.27 The owner's and the lessee's actual and direct out-of-pocket loss shall not include
 133.28 attorney fees, interest on the loss, and interest on the final judgment obtained as a result of
 133.29 the loss. An owner or lessee may serve a verified application regardless of whether the
 133.30 final judgment has been discharged by a bankruptcy court. A judgment issued by a court is
 133.31 final if all proceedings on the judgment have either been pursued and concluded or been
 133.32 forgone, including all reviews and appeals. For purposes of this section, owners who are
 133.33 joint tenants or tenants in common are deemed to be a single owner. For purposes of this
 133.34 section, owners and lessees eligible for payment of compensation from the fund shall not
 133.35 include government agencies, political subdivisions, financial institutions, and any other
 133.36 entity that purchases, guarantees, or insures a loan secured by real estate.

134.1 Subd. 7. **Commissioner review.** The commissioner shall within 120 days after
 134.2 receipt of the verified application:

134.3 (1) enter into an agreement with an owner or a lessee that resolves the verified
 134.4 application for compensation from the fund; or

134.5 (2) issue an order to the owner or the lessee accepting, modifying, or denying the
 134.6 verified application for compensation from the fund.

134.7 Upon receipt of an order issued under clause (2), the owner or the lessee shall have
 134.8 30 days to serve upon the commissioner a written request for a hearing. If the owner or
 134.9 the lessee does not serve upon the commissioner a timely written request for hearing, the
 134.10 order issued under clause (2) shall become a final order of the commissioner that may not
 134.11 be reviewed by any court or agency. The commissioner shall order compensation from
 134.12 the fund only if the owner or the lessee has filed a verified application that complies with
 134.13 subdivision 6 and if the commissioner determines based on review of the application that
 134.14 compensation should be paid from the fund. The commissioner shall not be bound by any
 134.15 prior settlement, compromise, or stipulation between the owner or the lessee and the
 134.16 licensee.

134.17 Subd. 8. **Administrative hearing.** If an owner or a lessee timely serves a request
 134.18 for hearing under subdivision 7, the commissioner shall request that an administrative law
 134.19 judge be assigned and that a hearing be conducted under the contested case provisions
 134.20 of chapter 14 within 30 days after the service of the request for hearing upon the
 134.21 commissioner. Upon petition of the commissioner, the administrative law judge shall
 134.22 continue the hearing up to 60 days and upon a showing of good cause may continue the
 134.23 hearing for such additional period as the administrative law judge deems appropriate.
 134.24 At the hearing the owner or the lessee shall have the burden of proving by substantial
 134.25 evidence under subdivision 6, clauses (1) to (8). The administrative law judge shall issue
 134.26 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order. If the administrative law judge finds that
 134.27 compensation should be paid to the owner or the lessee, the administrative law judge
 134.28 shall order the commissioner to make payment from the fund of the amount it finds to be
 134.29 payable pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the limitations contained in
 134.30 this section. The order of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of
 134.31 the agency in the contested case. Judicial review of the administrative law judge's findings
 134.32 of fact, conclusions of law, and order shall be in accordance with sections 14.63 to 14.69.

134.33 Subd. 9. **Satisfaction of applications for compensation.** The commissioner shall
 134.34 pay compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to the terms of an
 134.35 agreement that has been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), or pursuant to a final
 134.36 order that has been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8 by December 1

135.1 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year during which the agreement was entered into or
135.2 during which the order became final, subject to the limitations of this section. At the end
135.3 of each fiscal year the commissioner shall calculate the amount of compensation to be
135.4 paid from the fund pursuant to agreements that have been entered into under subdivision
135.5 7, clause (1), and final orders that have been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or
135.6 subdivision 8. If the calculated amount exceeds the amount available for payment, then
135.7 the commissioner shall allocate the amount available among the owners and the lessees
135.8 in the ratio that the amount agreed to or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee
135.9 bears to the amount calculated. The commissioner shall mail notice of the allocation to
135.10 all owners and lessees not less than 45 days following the end of the fiscal year. Any
135.11 compensation paid by the commissioner in accordance with this subdivision shall be
135.12 deemed to satisfy and extinguish any right to compensation from the fund based upon the
135.13 verified application of the owner or lessee.

135.14 Subd. 10. **Criminal penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person or the agent of any
135.15 person to knowingly file with the commissioner any application, notice, statement, or other
135.16 document required under the provisions of this section that is false or untrue or contains
135.17 any material misstatement of fact. Such conduct shall constitute a gross misdemeanor.

135.18 Subd. 11. **Right of subrogation.** If the commissioner pays compensation from the
135.19 fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to an agreement under subdivision 7, clause (1), or a
135.20 final order issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8, then the commissioner
135.21 shall be subrogated to all of the rights, title, and interest in the owner's or lessee's final
135.22 judgment in the amount of compensation paid from the fund and the owner or the lessee
135.23 shall assign to the commissioner all rights, title, and interest in the final judgment in
135.24 the amount of compensation paid. The commissioner shall deposit in the fund money
135.25 recovered under this subdivision.

135.26 Subd. 12. **Effect of section on commissioner's authority.** Nothing contained
135.27 in this section shall limit the authority of the commissioner to take disciplinary action
135.28 against a licensee under the provisions of this chapter. A licensee's repayment in full of
135.29 obligations to the fund shall not nullify or modify the effect of any other disciplinary
135.30 proceeding brought under the provisions of this chapter.

135.31 Subd. 13. **Limitation.** Nothing may obligate the fund to compensate:

135.32 (1) insurers or sureties under subrogation or similar theories; or

135.33 (2) owner of residential property for final judgments against a prior owner of the
135.34 residential property unless the claim is brought and judgment is rendered for breach of the
135.35 statutory warranty set forth in chapter 327A.

136.1 Subd. 14. **Condominiums or townhouses.** For purposes of this section, the owner
136.2 or the lessee of a condominium or townhouse is considered an owner or a lessee of
136.3 residential property regardless of the number of residential units per building.

136.4 Subd. 15. **Accelerated compensation.** Payments made from the fund to compensate
136.5 owners and lessees that do not exceed the jurisdiction limits for conciliation court matters
136.6 as specified in section 491A.01 may be paid on an accelerated basis if all of the following
136.7 requirements have been satisfied:

136.8 (a) The owner or the lessee has served upon the commissioner a verified application
136.9 for compensation that complies with the requirements set out in subdivision 6 and the
136.10 commissioner determines based on review of the application that compensation should be
136.11 paid from the fund. The commissioner shall calculate the actual and direct out-of-pocket
136.12 loss in the transaction, minus attorney fees, interest on the loss and on the judgment
136.13 obtained as a result of the loss, and any satisfaction of the judgment, and make payment
136.14 to the owner or the lessee up to the conciliation court jurisdiction limits within 15 days
136.15 after the owner or lessee serves the verified application.

136.16 (b) The commissioner may pay compensation to owners or lessees that totals not
136.17 more than \$50,000 per licensee per fiscal year under this accelerated process. The
136.18 commissioner may prorate the amount of compensation paid to owners or lessees under
136.19 this subdivision if applications submitted by owners and lessees seek compensation in
136.20 excess of \$50,000 against a licensee. Any unpaid portion of a verified application that
136.21 has been prorated under this subdivision shall be satisfied in the manner set forth in
136.22 subdivision 9.

136.23 Subd. 16. **Appropriation.** Money in the fund is appropriated to the commissioner
136.24 for the purposes of this section.

136.25 Subd. 17. **Additional assessment.** If the balance in the fund is at any time less than
136.26 the commissioner determines is necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, every
136.27 licensee, when renewing a license, shall pay, in addition to the annual renewal fee and the
136.28 fee set forth in subdivision 3 an assessment not to exceed \$100. The commissioner shall
136.29 set the amount of assessment based on a reasonable determination of the amount that is
136.30 necessary to restore a balance in the fund adequate to carry out the purposes of this section.

136.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
136.32 subdivisions 1 and 3 are effective July 1, 2007.

136.33 Sec. 30. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

137.1 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 137.2 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 137.3 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

137.4	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
137.5	<u>325E.58</u>	<u>326B.865</u>
137.6	<u>326.83</u>	<u>326B.802</u>
137.7	<u>326.84</u>	<u>326B.805</u>
137.8	<u>326.841</u>	<u>327B.041</u>
137.9	<u>326.842</u>	<u>326B.81</u>
137.10	<u>326.86</u>	<u>326B.815</u>
137.11	<u>326.87</u>	<u>326B.82</u>
137.12	<u>326.88</u>	<u>326B.825</u>
137.13	<u>326.89</u>	<u>326B.83</u>
137.14	<u>326.90</u>	<u>326B.835</u>
137.15	<u>326.91</u>	<u>326B.84</u>
137.16	<u>326.92</u>	<u>326B.845</u>
137.17	<u>326.921</u>	<u>326B.85</u>
137.18	<u>326.93</u>	<u>326B.855</u>
137.19	<u>326.94</u>	<u>326B.86</u>
137.20	<u>326.95</u>	<u>326B.87</u>
137.21	<u>326.951</u>	<u>326B.875</u>
137.22	<u>326.96</u>	<u>326B.88</u>
137.23	<u>326.97</u>	<u>326B.885</u>

137.24 **ARTICLE 9**

137.25 **BOILERS; PRESSURE VESSELS; BOATS**

137.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.38, is amended to read:

137.27 **183.38 BOILER INSPECTOR; INSPECTIONS; EXAMINATIONS;** 137.28 **LICENSES.**

137.29 Subdivision 1. **All boilers inspected.** ~~The Division of Boiler Inspection~~
 137.30 commissioner shall inspect all boilers and pressure vessels in use not expressly excepted
 137.31 from such inspection by law. ~~Immediately~~ Upon inspection the ~~Division of Boiler~~
 137.32 ~~Inspection~~ commissioner shall issue a certificate of inspection therefor or a certificate
 137.33 condemning the boiler or pressure vessel and shall seal it. Forms for these licenses and
 137.34 certificates shall be prepared and furnished by the commissioner. The ~~Division of Boiler~~
 137.35 ~~Inspection~~ commissioner shall examine all applicants for engineer's licenses. The ~~chief of~~
 137.36 ~~the Division of Boiler Inspection~~ commissioner shall issue such license to an applicant as
 137.37 the examination shall show the applicant is entitled to receive.

138.1 Subd. 2. **Inspector's examination.** For the purpose of examining applicants
 138.2 for ~~license~~ a National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors commission, the
 138.3 ~~chief of the Division of Boiler Inspection or the deputy chief commissioner~~ shall fix and
 138.4 determine a time and place for the examinations, and give notice to all applicants of the
 138.5 time and place. The ~~chief or the deputy chief commissioner~~ shall grant and sign such
 138.6 license certificates as applicants are entitled to receive upon examination. Applicants may
 138.7 be examined and issued certificates of competency as inspectors of boilers and pressure
 138.8 vessels.

138.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.39, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

138.10 Subdivision 1. **Inspector requirements.** Each boiler inspector shall be ~~a person~~
 138.11 ~~of good moral character, shall be~~ licensed in this state as a chief grade A engineer, and
 138.12 must hold a national board commission as a boiler inspector within 12 months of being
 138.13 employed as a boiler inspector by the department. An inspector shall not be interested in
 138.14 the manufacture or sale of boilers or steam machinery or in any patented article required
 138.15 or generally used in the construction of engines or boilers or their appurtenances.

138.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.411, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

138.17 Subd. 2. **Inspection.** When used for display and demonstration purposes, steam
 138.18 farm traction engines, portable and stationary show engines and portable and stationary
 138.19 show boilers shall be inspected every two years according to law.

138.20 (a) Show boilers or engines not certified in Minnesota shall be inspected thoroughly
 138.21 by a boiler inspector certified to inspect boilers in Minnesota, using inspection standards
 138.22 in paragraph (b), before being certified for use in Minnesota.

138.23 (b) Standards for inspection of show boilers shall be those established by the
 138.24 National Board Inspection Code ANSI/NB23 and by the rules adopted by the department
 138.25 ~~of Labor and Industry, Division of Boiler Inspection~~, and as follows:

138.26 (1) the boiler shall be subjected to the appropriate method of nondestructive
 138.27 examination, at the owner's expense, as deemed necessary by the boiler inspector to
 138.28 determine soundness and safety of the boiler;

138.29 (2) the boiler shall be tested by ultrasonic examination for metal thickness (for
 138.30 purposes of calculating the maximum allowable working pressure the thinnest reading
 138.31 shall be used and a safety factor of six shall be used in calculating maximum allowable
 138.32 working pressure on all non-ASME-code hobby and show boilers); and

138.33 (3) repairs and alterations made to show boilers must be made pursuant to section
 138.34 183.466.

139.1 (c) Further each such object shall successfully complete an inspection of:

139.2 (1) the fusible plug;

139.3 (2) the safety valve, which must be of ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers'~~

139.4 ASME approved design and set at the maximum allowable working pressure and sealed in

139.5 an appropriate manner not allowing tampering with the valve setting without destroying

139.6 the seal; and

139.7 (3) the boiler power piping.

139.8 Any longitudinal cracks found in riveted longitudinal seams requires that the vessel

139.9 be sealed and not approved for use in Minnesota. If the boiler or show engine is jacketed,

139.10 the jacket must be removed prior to inspection.

139.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.42, is amended to read:

139.12 **183.42 INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION.**

139.13 Subdivision 1. **Inspection.** Every owner, lessee, or other person having charge of

139.14 boilers or pressure vessels subject to inspection under this chapter shall cause them to be

139.15 inspected by the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department. Except as provided in sections

139.16 183.411 and 183.45, boilers subject to inspection under this chapter must be inspected at

139.17 least annually and pressure vessels inspected at least every two years ~~except as provided~~

139.18 ~~under section 183.45.~~ The commissioner shall assess a \$250 penalty per applicable boiler

139.19 or pressure vessel for failure to have the inspection required by this section and may seal

139.20 the boiler or pressure vessel for refusal to allow an inspection as required by this section.

139.21 Subd. 2. **Registration.** Every owner, lessee, or other person having charge of

139.22 boilers or pressure vessels subject to inspection under this chapter, except hobby boilers

139.23 under section 183.411, shall register said objects with the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~

139.24 department. The registration shall be renewed annually and is applicable to each object

139.25 separately. The fee for registration of a boiler or pressure vessel shall be pursuant to

139.26 section 183.545, subdivision 10. The ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department may issue

139.27 a billing statement for each boiler and pressure vessel on record with the division, and

139.28 may determine a monthly schedule of billings to be followed for owners, lessees, or other

139.29 persons having charge of a boiler or pressure vessel subject to inspection under this chapter.

139.30 Subd. 3. **Certificate of registration.** The ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department

139.31 shall issue a certificate of registration that lists the registered boilers and pressure vessels

139.32 at the location, expiration date of the certificate of registration, last inspection date of

139.33 each registered boiler and pressure vessel, and maximum allowable working pressure for

139.34 each registered boiler and pressure vessel. The commissioner may make an electronic

140.1 certificate of registration available to be printed by the owner, lessee, or other person
140.2 having charge of the registered boiler or pressure vessel.

140.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.45, is amended to read:

140.4 **183.45 INSPECTION.**

140.5 Subdivision 1. **Inspection requirements.** All boilers and steam generators must
140.6 be inspected by the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department before they are used and
140.7 all boilers must be inspected at least once each year thereafter except as provided under
140.8 subdivision 2 or section 183.411. Inspectors may subject all boilers to hydrostatic pressure
140.9 or hammer test, and shall ascertain by a thorough internal and external examination
140.10 that they are well made and of good and suitable material; that the openings for the
140.11 passage of water and steam, respectively, and all pipes and tubes exposed to heat, are of
140.12 proper dimensions and free from obstructions; that the flues are circular in form; that the
140.13 arrangements for delivering the feed water are such that the boilers cannot be injured
140.14 thereby; and that such boilers and their connections may be safely used without danger to
140.15 life or property. Inspectors shall ascertain that the safety valves are of suitable dimensions,
140.16 sufficient in number, and properly arranged, and that the safety valves are so adjusted as
140.17 to allow no greater pressure in the boilers than the amount prescribed by the inspector's
140.18 certificate; that there is a sufficient number of gauge cocks, properly inserted, to indicate
140.19 the amount of water, and suitable gauges that will correctly record the pressure; and
140.20 that the fusible metals are properly inserted where required so as to fuse by the heat of
140.21 the furnace whenever the water in the boiler falls below its prescribed limit; and that
140.22 provisions are made for an ample supply of water to feed the boilers at all times; and that
140.23 means for blowing out are provided, so as to thoroughly remove the mud and sediment
140.24 from all parts when under pressure.

140.25 Subd. 2. **Qualifying boiler.** (a) "Qualifying boiler" means a boiler of 200,000
140.26 pounds per hour or more capacity which has an internal continuous water treatment
140.27 program approved by the department and which the ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner
140.28 has determined to be in compliance with paragraph (c).

140.29 (b) A qualifying boiler must be inspected at least once every 24 months internally
140.30 and externally while not under pressure and at least once every 18 months externally
140.31 while under pressure. If the inspector considers it necessary to conduct a hydrostatic test
140.32 to determine the safety of a boiler, the test must be conducted under the direction of the
140.33 owner, contractor, or user of the equipment under the supervision of an inspector.

140.34 (c) The owner of a qualifying boiler must keep accurate records showing the date
140.35 and actual time the boiler is out of service, the reason or reasons therefor, and the chemical

141.1 physical laboratory analysis of samples of the boiler water taken at regular intervals of
141.2 not more than 48 hours of operation which adequately show the condition of the water,
141.3 and any elements or characteristics of the water capable of producing corrosion or other
141.4 deterioration of the boiler or its parts.

141.5 (d) If an inspector determines there are substantial deficiencies in equipment or in
141.6 boiler water treatment operating procedures, inspections of a qualifying boiler may be
141.7 required once every 12 months until the ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner finds that the
141.8 substantial deficiencies have been corrected.

141.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 20064, section 183.46, is amended to read:

141.10 **183.46 TESTS.**

141.11 In subjecting both high and low pressure boilers and pressure vessels to the
141.12 hydrostatic test, and to determine the safe allowable working pressure, the inspector shall
141.13 use the latest approved formula of the ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME
141.14 Code or National Board Inspection Code, as applicable.

141.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.465, is amended to read:

141.16 **183.465 STANDARDS OF INSPECTION.**

141.17 The engineering standards of boilers and pressure vessels for use in this state shall
141.18 be that established by the current edition of ~~the~~ and amendments to the ASME Code or the
141.19 National Board Inspection Code, as applicable, for construction, operation and care of,
141.20 in-service inspection and testing, and controls and safety devices ~~codes of the American~~
141.21 ~~Society of Mechanical Engineers and amendments thereto~~, and by the rules ~~of the Division~~
141.22 ~~of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the department ~~of Labor and Industry~~.

141.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.466, is amended to read:

141.24 **183.466 STANDARDS OF REPAIRS.**

141.25 The rules for repair of boilers and pressure vessels for use in this state shall be those
141.26 established by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors inspection
141.27 code and the rules ~~of the Division of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the department ~~of~~
141.28 ~~Labor and Industry~~.

141.29 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.48, is amended to read:

141.30 **183.48 SPECIAL EXAMINATION.**

142.1 ~~At any time the inspector deems it necessary an examination shall be made of any~~
 142.2 ~~If an inspector examines a boiler or pressure vessel which there is reason to believe has~~
 142.3 ~~become and determines that the boiler or pressure vessel is unsafe, and the inspector shall~~
 142.4 ~~notify the owners or operators thereof owner or operator of any defect therein, and what~~
 142.5 ~~repairs are necessary in that boiler or pressure vessel.~~ Such boiler or pressure vessel
 142.6 shall not thereafter be used until ~~so repaired~~ the defect is corrected. Boilers found to be
 142.7 operated by unlicensed or improperly licensed persons shall not be used until the operators
 142.8 are properly licensed. If circumstances warrant continued operation, approval may be
 142.9 given for continuing operation for a specific period of time, not to exceed 30 days, at the
 142.10 discretion of the boiler inspector.

142.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.501, is amended to read:

142.12 **183.501 LICENSE REQUIREMENT.**

142.13 (a) No person individual shall be entrusted with the operation of or operate any
 142.14 boiler, steam engine, or turbine who has not received a license of grade covering that
 142.15 boiler, steam engine or turbine. The license shall be renewed annually, except as provided
 142.16 in section 183.411. ~~When a violation of this section occurs the Division of Boiler~~
 142.17 ~~Inspection may cause a complaint to be made for the prosecution of the offender and shall~~
 142.18 ~~be entitled to sue for and obtain injunctive relief in the district courts for such violations.~~

142.19 (b) For purposes of this chapter, "operation" shall not include monitoring of an
 142.20 automatic boiler, either through on premises inspection of the boiler or by remote
 142.21 electronic surveillance, provided that no operations are performed upon the boiler other
 142.22 than emergency shut down in alarm situations.

142.23 (c) No individual under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol shall be entrusted
 142.24 with the operation of or shall operate any boiler, steam engine, or turbine, or shall be
 142.25 entrusted with the monitoring of or shall monitor an automatic boiler.

142.26 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.505, is amended to read:

142.27 **183.505 APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.**

142.28 The ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner shall prepare blank applications on which
 142.29 applications for ~~engineers'~~ licenses shall be made ~~under oath of the applicant~~. These
 142.30 blanks shall ~~be so formulated as to~~ elicit such information as is ~~desirable~~ needed
 142.31 ~~enable the examiners to pass on~~ determine whether an applicant meets the qualifications
 142.32 ~~of applicants~~ required for the license.

143.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.51, is amended to read:

143.2 **183.51 EXAMINATIONS; CLASSIFICATIONS; QUALIFICATIONS.**

143.3 Subdivision 1. **Engineers, classes.** Engineers shall be divided into four classes:

143.4 (1) Chief engineers; Grade A, Grade B, and Grade C. (2) first class engineers; Grade
143.5 A, Grade B, and Grade C. (3) second class engineers; Grade A, Grade B, and Grade
143.6 C. (4) Special engineers.

143.7 Subd. 2. **Applications.** Any ~~person~~ individual who desires an engineer's license
143.8 shall submit ~~a written~~ an application, ~~on blanks furnished by the commissioner or designee~~
143.9 on a written or electronic form prescribed by the commissioner, at least 15 days before
143.10 the requested exam date. The application ~~is valid for~~ permits the applicant to take the
143.11 examination on one occasion within one year from the date the commissioner ~~or designee~~
143.12 ~~received~~ receives the application.

143.13 Subd. 2a. **Examinations.** Each applicant for a license must pass an examination
143.14 ~~approved~~ developed and administered by the commissioner. The examinations shall be
143.15 of sufficient scope to establish the competency of the applicant to operate a boiler of the
143.16 applicable license class and grade.

143.17 Subd. 3. **High and low pressure boilers.** For the purposes of this section and
143.18 section 183.50, high pressure boilers shall mean boilers operating at a steam or other vapor
143.19 pressure in excess of 15 p.s.i.g., or a water or other liquid boiler in which the pressure
143.20 exceeds 160 p.s.i.g. or a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit.

143.21 Low pressure boilers shall mean boilers operating at a steam or other vapor pressure
143.22 of 15 p.s.i.g. or less, or a water or other liquid boiler in which the pressure does not exceed
143.23 160 p.s.i.g. or a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit.

143.24 Subd. 4. **Chief engineer, Grade A.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as
143.25 a chief engineer, Grade A, shall be at least 18 years of age and have experience which
143.26 verifies that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be responsible for the
143.27 safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers, steam engines, and turbines and
143.28 their appurtenances; and, before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and subscribe
143.29 an oath attesting to at least five years actual experience in operating such boilers, including
143.30 at least two years experience in operating such engines or turbines.

143.31 Subd. 5. **Chief engineer, Grade B.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as a
143.32 chief engineer, Grade B, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and experience
143.33 which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be
143.34 responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers and their
143.35 appurtenances; and, before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and subscribe an
143.36 oath attesting to at least five years actual experience in operating those boilers.

144.1 Subd. 6. **Chief engineer, Grade C.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as a
144.2 chief engineer, Grade C, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and experience
144.3 which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and
144.4 be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of low pressure
144.5 boilers and their appurtenances, and before receiving a license, the applicant shall take
144.6 and subscribe an oath attesting to at least five years of actual experience in operating
144.7 such boilers.

144.8 Subd. 7. **First-class engineer, Grade A.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure
144.9 as a first-class engineer, Grade A, shall be at least 18 years of age and have experience
144.10 which verifies that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be responsible
144.11 for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers, engines, and turbines and
144.12 their appurtenances of not more than 300 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a
144.13 plant of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and
144.14 subscribe an oath attesting to at least three years actual experience in operating such
144.15 boilers, including at least two years experience in operating such engines or turbines.

144.16 Subd. 8. **First-class engineer, Grade B.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure
144.17 as a first-class engineer, Grade B, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and
144.18 experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge
144.19 of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers of
144.20 not more than 300 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a plant of unlimited
144.21 horsepower. Before receiving a license the applicant shall take and subscribe an oath
144.22 attesting to at least three years actual experience in operating such boilers.

144.23 Subd. 9. **First-class engineer, Grade C.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure
144.24 as a first-class engineer, Grade C, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and
144.25 experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge
144.26 of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of low pressure
144.27 boilers and their appurtenances of not more than 300 horsepower or to operate as a shift
144.28 engineer in a low pressure plant of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving a license, the
144.29 applicant shall take and subscribe an oath attesting to at least three years actual experience
144.30 in operating such boilers.

144.31 Subd. 10. **Second-class engineer, Grade A.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking
144.32 licensure as a second-class engineer, Grade A, shall be at least 18 years of age and have
144.33 experience which verifies that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and
144.34 be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers, engines,
144.35 and turbines and their appurtenances of not more than 100 horsepower or to operate
144.36 as a shift engineer in a plant of not more than 300 horsepower, or to assist the shift

145.1 engineer, under direct supervision, in a plant of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving
145.2 a license the applicant shall take and subscribe an oath attesting to at least one year of
145.3 actual experience in operating such boilers, including at least one year of experience in
145.4 operating such engines or turbines.

145.5 Subd. 11. **Second-class engineer, Grade B.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking
145.6 licensure as a second-class engineer, Grade B, shall be at least 18 years of age and have
145.7 habits and experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to
145.8 take charge of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of
145.9 boilers of not more than 100 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a plant of not
145.10 more than 300 horsepower or to assist the shift engineer, under direct supervision, in a plant
145.11 of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving a license the applicant shall take and subscribe
145.12 an oath attesting to at least one year of actual experience in operating such boilers.

145.13 Subd. 12. **Second-class engineer, Grade C.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking
145.14 licensure as a second-class engineer, Grade C, shall be at least 18 years of age and have
145.15 habits and experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to
145.16 take charge of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes
145.17 of low pressure boilers and their appurtenances of not more than 100 horsepower or to
145.18 operate as a shift engineer in a low pressure plant of not more than 300 horsepower, or
145.19 to assist the shift engineer, under direct supervision, in a low pressure plant of unlimited
145.20 horsepower. Before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and subscribe an oath
145.21 attesting to at least one year of actual experience in operating such boilers.

145.22 Subd. 13. **Special engineer.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as a special
145.23 engineer shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and experience which justify
145.24 the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be responsible for
145.25 the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers and their appurtenances of
145.26 not more than 30 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a plant of not more than
145.27 100 horsepower, or to serve as an apprentice in any plant under the direct supervision of
145.28 the properly licensed engineer.

145.29 Subd. 14. **Current boiler operators.** Any ~~person~~ individual operating a boiler other
145.30 than a steam boiler on or before April 15, 1982 shall be qualified for application for the
145.31 applicable class license upon presentation of an affidavit furnished by an inspector and
145.32 sworn to by the ~~person's~~ individual's employer or a chief engineer. The applicant must
145.33 have at least the number of years of actual experience specified for the class of license
145.34 requested and pass the appropriate examination.

145.35 Subd. 15. **Rating horsepower.** For the purpose of rating boiler horsepower for
145.36 engineer license classifications only: ten square feet of heating surface shall be considered

146.1 equivalent to one boiler horsepower for conventional boilers and five square feet of
 146.2 heating surface equivalent to one boiler horsepower for steam coil type generators.

146.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.54, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

146.4 Subdivision 1. **Safety Inspection certificate.** After examination and tests, ~~if a boiler~~
 146.5 ~~inspector finds any boiler or pressure vessel safe and suitable for use, the inspector shall~~
 146.6 ~~deliver to the chief boiler inspector a verified certificate in such form as prescribed by~~
 146.7 ~~the chief boiler inspector containing a specification of the tests applied and the working~~
 146.8 ~~pressure allowed. A copy of the certificate is delivered to the owner of the boiler or~~
 146.9 ~~pressure vessel, who shall place and retain the same in a conspicuous place on or near~~
 146.10 ~~the boiler or pressure vessel.~~ of the boiler or pressure vessel being inspected, the boiler
 146.11 inspector shall document the condition of the boiler or pressure vessel as required by the
 146.12 commissioner. The inspector shall issue an inspection certificate, as prescribed by the
 146.13 commissioner, to the owner or operator for the inspected boilers and pressure vessels
 146.14 found to be safe and suitable for use. The inspector shall immediately notify the owner or
 146.15 operator of any deficiencies found on the boilers and pressure vessels during the inspection
 146.16 on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

146.17 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.54, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

146.18 Subd. 3. **Failure to pay fee.** If the owner or lessee of any boiler or pressure vessel,
 146.19 which boiler or pressure vessel has been duly inspected, refuses to pay the required fee
 146.20 within 30 days from the date of the inspection invoice, ~~the chief boiler inspector, or~~
 146.21 ~~deputy, department~~ may seal the boiler or pressure vessel until the fee is paid.

146.22 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.545, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

146.23 Subd. 2. **Fee amounts; master's.** The license and application fee for a master's
 146.24 license is ~~\$50~~ \$45, or ~~\$20~~ \$15 if the applicant possesses a valid, unlimited, current United
 146.25 States Coast Guard master's license. The annual renewal of a master's license is ~~\$20~~ \$15.
 146.26 The annual renewal if paid later than 30 days after expiration is ~~\$35~~ \$30. The fee for
 146.27 replacement of a current, valid license is ~~\$20~~ \$15.

146.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

146.29 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.545, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

146.30 Subd. 4. **Boiler engineer license fees.** For the following licenses, the nonrefundable
 146.31 license and application fee is:

146.32 (1) chief engineer's license, ~~\$50~~ \$45;

- 147.1 (2) first class engineer's license, ~~\$50~~ \$45;
- 147.2 (3) second class engineer's license, ~~\$50~~ \$45;
- 147.3 (4) special engineer's license, ~~\$20~~ \$15; and
- 147.4 (5) traction or hobby boiler engineer's license, ~~\$50~~ \$45.

147.5 An engineer's license may be renewed upon application and payment of an annual
147.6 renewal fee of ~~\$20~~ \$15. The annual renewal, if paid later than 30 days after expiration, is
147.7 ~~\$35~~ \$30. The fee for replacement of a current, valid license is ~~\$20~~ \$15.

147.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

147.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.545, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

147.10 Subd. 8. **Certificate of competency.** The fee for issuance of the original state of
147.11 Minnesota certificate of competency for inspectors is ~~\$50~~ \$45. This fee is waived for
147.12 inspectors who paid the examination fee. The fee for an annual renewal of the state of
147.13 Minnesota certificate of competency is ~~\$35~~ \$30, and is due January 1 of each year. The
147.14 fee for replacement of a current, valid license is ~~\$35~~ \$30.

147.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

147.16 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.545, is amended by adding a subdivision
147.17 to read:

147.18 Subd. 11. **Late fee.** The commissioner may assess a late fee of up to \$100 for
147.19 each invoice issued under subdivision 1, 3, or 3a that is not paid in full by the due date
147.20 stated on the invoice.

147.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

147.22 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.56, is amended to read:

147.23 **183.56 EXCEPTIONS.**

147.24 The provisions of sections 183.38 to 183.62, shall not apply to:

- 147.25 (1) boilers in buildings occupied solely for residence purposes with accommodations
147.26 for not more than five families;
- 147.27 (2) railroad locomotives operated by railroad companies for transportation purposes;
- 147.28 (3) air tanks installed on the right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the
147.29 operation of trains;
- 147.30 (4) boilers and pressure vessels under the direct jurisdiction of the United States;

- 148.1 (5) unfired pressure vessels having an internal or external working pressure not
148.2 exceeding 15 p.s.i.g. with no limit on size;
- 148.3 (6) pressure vessels used for storage of compressed air not exceeding five cubic feet
148.4 in volume and equipped with an ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME code
148.5 stamped safety valve set at a maximum of 100 p.s.i.g.;
- 148.6 (7) pressure vessels having an inside diameter not exceeding six inches;
- 148.7 (8) every vessel that contains water under pressure, including those containing air
148.8 that serves only as a cushion, whose design pressure does not exceed 300 p.s.i.g. and
148.9 whose design temperature does not exceed 210 degrees Fahrenheit;
- 148.10 (9) boiler or pressure vessels located on farms used solely for agricultural or
148.11 horticultural purposes; for purposes of this section, boilers used for mint oil extraction
148.12 are considered used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, provided that the owner or
148.13 lessee complies with the inspection requirements contained in section 183.42;
- 148.14 (10) tanks or cylinders used for storage or transfer of liquefied petroleum gases;
- 148.15 (11) unfired pressure vessels in petroleum refineries;
- 148.16 (12) an air tank or pressure vessel which is an integral part of a passenger motor
148.17 bus, truck, or trailer;
- 148.18 (13) hot water heating and other hot liquid boilers not exceeding a heat input of
148.19 750,000 BTU per hour;
- 148.20 (14) hot water supply boilers (water heaters) not exceeding a heat input of 500,000
148.21 BTU per hour, a water temperature of 210 degrees Fahrenheit, a nominal water capacity of
148.22 120 gallons, or a pressure of 160 p.s.i.g.;
- 148.23 (15) a laundry and dry cleaning press not exceeding five cubic feet of steam volume;
- 148.24 (16) pressure vessels operated full of water or other liquid not materially more
148.25 hazardous than water, if the vessel's contents' temperature does not exceed 140 degrees
148.26 Fahrenheit or a pressure of 200 p.s.i.g.;
- 148.27 (17) steam powered turbines at paper-making facilities which are powered by steam
148.28 generated by municipal steam district facilities at a remote location; and
- 148.29 (18) manually fired boilers for model locomotive, boat, tractor, stationary engine,
148.30 or antique motor vehicles constructed or maintained only as a hobby for exhibition,
148.31 educational or historical purposes and not for commercial use, if the boilers have an
148.32 inside diameter of 12 inches or less, or a grate area of two square feet or less, and are
148.33 equipped with an ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME stamped safety valve
148.34 of adequate size, a water level indicator, and a pressure gauge.
- 148.35 An engineer's license is not required for hot water supply boilers.

149.1 An engineer's license is not required for boilers, steam cookers, steam kettles, steam
 149.2 sterilizers or other steam generators not exceeding 100,000 BTU per hour input, 25
 149.3 kilowatt, 2-1/2 horsepower ~~or~~ and a pressure of 15 p.s.i.g.

149.4 Electric boilers not exceeding a maximum working pressure of 50 p.s.i.g., maximum
 149.5 of 30 kilowatt input or three horsepower rating shall be inspected as pressure vessels and
 149.6 shall not require an engineer license to operate.

149.7 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

149.8 Subdivision 1. **Report required.** Any insurance company insuring boilers and
 149.9 pressure vessels in this state shall file a report showing the most recent date of inspection,
 149.10 the name of the ~~person~~ individual making the inspection, the condition of the boiler or
 149.11 pressure vessel as disclosed by the inspection, whether the boiler was operated by a
 149.12 properly licensed engineer, whether a policy of insurance has been issued by the company
 149.13 with reference to the boiler or pressure vessel, and other information as directed by the
 149.14 ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner. Within 21 days after the inspection, the insurance
 149.15 company shall file the report with the ~~chief boiler inspector or designee~~ commissioner.
 149.16 The insurer shall provide a copy of the report to the person, ~~firm, or corporation~~ owning or
 149.17 operating the inspected boiler or pressure vessel. Such report shall be made annually for
 149.18 boilers and biennially for pressure vessels.

149.19 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

149.20 Subd. 2. **Exemption.** Every boiler or pressure vessel as to which any insurance
 149.21 company authorized to do business in this state has issued a policy of insurance, after the
 149.22 inspection thereof, is exempt from inspection by the department made under sections
 149.23 183.375 to 183.62, while the same continues to be insured and provided it continues
 149.24 to be inspected in accordance with the inspection schedule set forth in sections 183.42
 149.25 and 183.45, and the person, ~~firm, or corporation~~ owning or operating the same has an
 149.26 unexpired certificate of registration.

149.27 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

149.28 Subd. 5. **Notice of insurance coverage.** The insurer shall notify the commissioner
 149.29 ~~or designee~~ in writing of its policy to insure and inspect boilers and pressure vessels at a
 149.30 location within 30 days of receipt of notification from the insured that a boiler or pressure
 149.31 vessel is present at an insured location. The insurer must also provide a duplicate of the
 149.32 notification to the insured.

150.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

150.2 Subd. 6. **Notice of discontinued coverage.** The insurer shall notify the
 150.3 commissioner ~~or designee~~ in writing, within 30 days of the effective date, of the
 150.4 discontinuation of insurance coverage of the boilers and pressure vessels at a location
 150.5 and the cause or reason for the discontinuation if the insurer has received notice from
 150.6 the insured that a boiler or pressure vessel is present at an insured location, as provided
 150.7 under subdivision 5. This notice shall show the effective date when the discontinued
 150.8 policy takes effect.

150.9 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.59, is amended to read:

150.10 **183.59 VIOLATIONS BY INSPECTORS.**

150.11 Every inspector who willfully certifies falsely regarding any boiler or its attachments,
 150.12 or pressure vessel, or the hull and equipments of any steam vessel, or who grants a license
 150.13 to any ~~person individual~~ to act as engineer, ~~or master, or pilot~~ contrary to any provision of
 150.14 sections 183.375 to 183.62, is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to this punishment the
 150.15 inspector shall be removed from office forthwith.

150.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.60, is amended to read:

150.17 **183.60 VIOLATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION; REPAIR; SALE.**

150.18 Subdivision 1. **Construction violation.** ~~Every~~ No person who constructs shall
 150.19 construct a boiler, boiler piping, or pressure vessel so as not to meet the minimum
 150.20 construction requirements of the ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME boiler
 150.21 and pressure vessel code, and the rules of the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the
 150.22 ~~department of Labor and Industry~~ is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

150.23 Subd. 2. **Repair violation.** ~~Every~~ No person who repairs a boiler or pressure vessel
 150.24 by welding or riveting so as not to meet the minimum requirements established by the
 150.25 current edition of the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors inspection
 150.26 code and the rules of the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the department of Labor
 150.27 ~~and Industry~~ is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

150.28 Subd. 3. **Sale violation.** ~~Every~~ No manufacturer, jobber, dealer, or other person
 150.29 ~~selling or offering~~ shall sell or offer for sale a boiler or pressure vessel that does not meet
 150.30 the minimum construction requirements of the ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~
 150.31 ASME boiler and pressure vessel code and the rules of the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~
 150.32 adopted by the department of Labor and Industry ~~is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~

150.33 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.61, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

151.1 Subd. 2. **Inspection violation.** ~~Any~~ No person who causes shall cause to be
 151.2 operated; or ~~operates shall operate~~; any boiler or boat without having the same inspected
 151.3 at least once each year, or pressure vessel, steam farm traction engine, portable or
 151.4 stationary show engine, or portable or stationary show boiler without having it inspected
 151.5 biennially, ~~and~~ or without having the proper engineer or pilot master license ~~is guilty~~
 151.6 ~~of a misdemeanor.~~

151.7 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.61, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

151.8 Subd. 4. **Failure to repair.** ~~Every person operating or causing to be operated~~ After
 151.9 any boiler or pressure vessel ~~after it~~ has been examined and found to be unsafe and after the
 151.10 owner or operator ~~thereof~~ of the boiler or pressure vessel has been notified of any defect
 151.11 ~~therein and what repairs are necessary to remedy the defect who fails to comply with the~~
 151.12 ~~inspector's requirements is guilty of a misdemeanor~~ in it, no person shall operate the boiler
 151.13 or pressure vessel or cause it to be operated unless and until the defect has been corrected.

151.14 Sec. 28. **[326B.93] INSPECTION PERSONNEL.**

151.15 Subdivision 1. **Inspectors.** The department may employ such inspectors and other
 151.16 persons as are necessary to efficiently perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed
 151.17 upon the department.

151.18 Subd. 2. **Chief boiler inspector.** The commissioner shall appoint a chief boiler
 151.19 inspector who, under the direction and supervision of the commissioner, shall administer
 151.20 this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter. The chief boiler inspector must:

151.21 (1) be licensed as a chief Grade A engineer; and

151.22 (2) possess a current commission issued by the National Board of Boiler and
 151.23 Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

151.24 The chief boiler inspector shall be the state of Minnesota representative on the National
 151.25 Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, shall be the final interpretative authority
 151.26 of the rules adopted under this chapter, and shall perform other duties in administering this
 151.27 chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter as assigned by the commissioner.

151.28 Sec. 29. **[326B.94] BOATS; MASTERS.**

151.29 Subdivision 1. **Boat.** "Boat" means any vessel navigating inland waters of the state
 151.30 that is propelled by machinery or sails, is carrying passengers for hire, and is 21 feet
 151.31 or more in length.

152.1 Subd. 2. **Number of passengers.** The department shall designate the number of
 152.2 passengers that each boat may safely carry, and no such boat shall carry a greater number
 152.3 than is allowed by the inspector's certificate.

152.4 Subd. 3. **Annual permit.** The commissioner shall issue an annual permit to a boat
 152.5 for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of the state provided
 152.6 the boat satisfies the inspection requirements of this section. A boat subject to inspection
 152.7 under this chapter shall be registered with the department and shall be inspected before a
 152.8 permit may be issued. No person shall operate a boat or cause a boat to be operated for the
 152.9 purpose of carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of the state without a valid
 152.10 annual permit issued under this section.

152.11 Subd. 4. **Examinations, licensing.** The commissioner shall develop and administer
 152.12 an examination for all masters of boats carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of
 152.13 the state as to their qualifications and fitness. If found qualified and competent to perform
 152.14 their duties as a master of a boat carrying passengers for hire, they shall be issued a license
 152.15 authorizing them to act as such on the inland waters of the state. The license shall be
 152.16 renewed annually. Fees for the original issue and renewal of the license authorized under
 152.17 this section shall be pursuant to section 183.545, subdivision 2.

152.18 Subd. 5. **Rules.** (a) The department shall prescribe rules for the inspection of the
 152.19 hulls, machinery, boilers, steam connections, firefighting apparatus, lifesaving appliances,
 152.20 and lifesaving equipment of all power boats navigating the inland waters of the state,
 152.21 which shall conform to the requirements and specifications of the United States Coast
 152.22 Guard in similar cases as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 46, as applicable
 152.23 inland waters; these rules shall have the force of law.

152.24 (b) The commissioner shall make such rules for inspection and operation of boats
 152.25 subject to inspection under this chapter, the licensing of masters, and the navigation of any
 152.26 such boat as will require its operation without danger to life or property.

152.27 Subd. 6. **Drugs, alcohol.** No master shall be under the influence of illegal drugs
 152.28 or alcohol when on duty.

152.29 **Sec. 30. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

152.30 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 152.31 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 152.32 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

152.33	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
152.34	<u>183.38</u>	<u>326B.952</u>
152.35	<u>183.39</u>	<u>326B.954</u>

153.1	<u>183.411</u>	<u>326B.956</u>
153.2	<u>183.42</u>	<u>326B.958</u>
153.3	<u>183.45</u>	<u>326B.96</u>
153.4	<u>183.46</u>	<u>326B.962</u>
153.5	<u>183.465</u>	<u>326B.964</u>
153.6	<u>183.466</u>	<u>326B.966</u>
153.7	<u>183.48</u>	<u>326B.968</u>
153.8	<u>183.50</u>	<u>326B.97</u>
153.9	<u>183.501</u>	<u>326B.972</u>
153.10	<u>183.502</u>	<u>326B.974</u>
153.11	<u>183.505</u>	<u>326B.976</u>
153.12	<u>183.51</u>	<u>326B.978</u>
153.13	<u>183.53</u>	<u>326B.98</u>
153.14	<u>183.54</u>	<u>326B.982</u>
153.15	<u>183.545</u>	<u>326B.986</u>
153.16	<u>183.56</u>	<u>326B.988</u>
153.17	<u>183.57</u>	<u>326B.99</u>
153.18	<u>183.59</u>	<u>326B.992</u>
153.19	<u>183.60</u>	<u>326B.994</u>
153.20	<u>183.61</u>	<u>326B.996</u>
153.21	<u>183.62</u>	<u>326B.998</u>

153.22 **ARTICLE 10**

153.23 **HIGH PRESSURE PIPING**

153.24 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.46, is amended to read:

153.25 **326.46 ~~SUPERVISION OF~~ DEPARTMENT TO SUPERVISE HIGH**
 153.26 **PRESSURE PIPING.**

153.27 The department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ shall supervise all high pressure piping used
 153.28 on all projects in this state, and may prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform.

153.29 The department shall employ inspectors and other assistants to carry out the
 153.30 provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52.

153.31 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 153.32 to read:

153.33 Subd. 1a. **Contracting high pressure pipefitter.** "Contracting high pressure
 153.34 pipefitter" means an individual, such as a steamfitter, engaged in the planning,
 153.35 superintending, and practical installation of high pressure piping and appurtenances, and
 153.36 otherwise lawfully qualified to construct high pressure piping installations and make
 153.37 replacements to existing plants, who is also qualified to conduct the business of high

154.1 pressure piping installations and who is familiar with the laws, rules, and minimum
 154.2 standards governing them.

154.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 154.4 to read:

154.5 Subd. 2a. **High pressure steam.** "High pressure steam" means a pressure in excess
 154.6 of 15 pounds per square inch.

154.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 154.8 to read:

154.9 Subd. 2b. **Journeyman high pressure pipefitter.** "Journeyman high pressure
 154.10 pipefitter" means an individual, such as a steamfitter, who is not a contracting high
 154.11 pressure pipefitter and who is engaged in the practical installation of high pressure piping
 154.12 and appurtenances in the employ of a contracting high pressure pipefitter.

154.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 154.14 to read:

154.15 Subd. 4. **Pipefitter trainee.** A "pipefitter trainee" is an individual, other than a
 154.16 contracting pipefitter, journeyman pipefitter, or pipefitter apprentice, who as a principal
 154.17 occupation is in the employ of a high pressure piping business license holder and is
 154.18 engaged in pipefitter work to learn and assist in the practical construction and installation
 154.19 of high pressure piping and appurtenances. For purposes of this subdivision, a "pipefitter
 154.20 apprentice" is an individual employed in the trade of the practical construction and
 154.21 installation of high pressure piping and appurtenances under an apprenticeship agreement
 154.22 approved by the department under Minnesota Rules, part 5200.0300.

154.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

154.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.47, is amended to read:

154.25 **326.47 APPLICATION, PERMIT, FILING, AND INSPECTION FEES.**

154.26 Subdivision 1. **Required permit.** No person, ~~firm, or corporation~~ shall construct or
 154.27 install high pressure piping systems without first filing an application for a permit with the
 154.28 department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ or a municipality that has complied with subdivision 2.
 154.29 ~~Projects under construction prior to August 1, 1984, are not required to obtain a permit.~~

154.30 Subd. 2. **Permissive municipal regulation.** ~~A municipality may, by ordinance,~~
 154.31 ~~provide for the inspection of high pressure piping system materials and construction, and~~

155.1 ~~provide that it shall not be constructed or installed except in accordance with minimum~~
155.2 ~~state standards. The authority designated by the ordinance for issuing high pressure piping~~
155.3 ~~permits and assuring compliance with state standards must report to the Department of~~
155.4 ~~Labor and Industry all violations of state high pressure piping standards.~~

155.5 ~~A municipality may not adopt an ordinance with high pressure piping standards~~
155.6 ~~that does not conform to the uniform standards prescribed by the Department of Labor~~
155.7 ~~and Industry. The Department of Labor and Industry shall specify by rule the minimum~~
155.8 ~~qualifications for municipal inspectors. The commissioner may enter into an agreement~~
155.9 ~~with a municipality, in which the municipality agrees to perform inspections and issue~~
155.10 ~~permits for the construction and installation of high pressure piping systems within the~~
155.11 ~~municipality's geographical area of jurisdiction, if:~~

155.12 ~~(a) The municipality has adopted:~~

155.13 ~~(1) the code for power piping systems, Minnesota Rules, parts 5230.0250 to~~
155.14 ~~5230.6200;~~

155.15 ~~(2) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to issue permits to persons holding~~
155.16 ~~a high pressure piping business license issued by the department and only for construction~~
155.17 ~~or installation that would, if performed properly, fully comply with all Minnesota Statutes~~
155.18 ~~and Minnesota Rules;~~

155.19 ~~(3) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to perform the inspections that are~~
155.20 ~~required under Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules of the construction and installation~~
155.21 ~~of high pressure piping systems; and~~

155.22 ~~(4) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to enforce the code for power~~
155.23 ~~piping systems in its entirety.~~

155.24 ~~(b) The municipality agrees to issue permits only to persons holding a high pressure~~
155.25 ~~piping business license as required by law at the time of the permit issuance, and only for~~
155.26 ~~construction or installation that would, if performed properly, comply with all Minnesota~~
155.27 ~~Statutes and Minnesota Rules governing the construction or installation of high pressure~~
155.28 ~~piping systems.~~

155.29 ~~(c) The municipality agrees to issue permits only on forms approved by the~~
155.30 ~~department.~~

155.31 ~~(d) The municipality agrees that, for each permit issued by the municipality, the~~
155.32 ~~municipality shall perform one or more inspections of the construction or installation to~~
155.33 ~~determine whether the construction or installation complies with all Minnesota Statutes~~
155.34 ~~and Minnesota Rules governing the construction or installation of high pressure piping~~
155.35 ~~systems, and shall prepare a written report of each inspection.~~

156.1 (e) The municipality agrees to notify the commissioner within 24 hours after the
156.2 municipality discovers any violation of the licensing laws related to high pressure piping.

156.3 (f) The municipality agrees to notify the commissioner immediately if the
156.4 municipality discovers that any entity has failed to meet a deadline set by the municipality
156.5 for correction of a violation of the high pressure piping laws.

156.6 (g) The commissioner determines that the individuals who will conduct the
156.7 inspections for the municipality do not have any conflict of interest in conducting the
156.8 inspections.

156.9 (h) Individuals who will conduct the inspections for the municipality are permanent
156.10 employees of the municipality and are licensed contracting high pressure pipefitters or
156.11 licensed journeyman high pressure pipefitters.

156.12 (i) The municipality agrees to notify the commissioner within ten days of any
156.13 changes in the names or qualifications of the individuals who conduct the inspections
156.14 for the municipality.

156.15 (j) The municipality agrees to enforce in its entirety the code for power piping
156.16 systems on all projects.

156.17 (k) The municipality shall not approve any piping installation unless the installation
156.18 conforms to all applicable provisions of the high pressure piping laws in effect at the
156.19 time of the installation.

156.20 (l) The municipality agrees to promptly require compliance or revoke a permit that
156.21 it has issued if there is noncompliance with any of the applicable provisions of the high
156.22 pressure piping laws in connection with the work covered by the permit. The municipality
156.23 agrees to revoke the permit if any laws regulating the licensing of pipefitters have been
156.24 violated.

156.25 (m) The municipality agrees to keep official records of all documents received,
156.26 including permit applications, and of all permits issued, reports of inspections, and notices
156.27 issued in connection with inspections.

156.28 (n) The municipality agrees to maintain the records described in paragraph (m) in
156.29 the official records of the municipality for the period required for the retention of public
156.30 records under section 138.17, and shall make these records readily available for review
156.31 according to section 13.37.

156.32 (o) Not later than the tenth day of each month, the municipality shall submit to the
156.33 commissioner a report of all high pressure piping permits issued by the municipality during
156.34 the preceding month. This report shall be in a format approved by the commissioner
156.35 and shall include:

156.36 (1) the name of the contractor;

157.1 (2) the license number of the contractor's license issued by the commissioner;

157.2 (3) the permit number;

157.3 (4) the address of the job;

157.4 (5) the date the permit was issued;

157.5 (6) a brief description of the work; and

157.6 (7) the amount of the inspection fee.

157.7 (p) Not later than the 31st day of January of each year, the municipality shall submit

157.8 a summary report to the commissioner identifying the status of each high pressure piping

157.9 project for which the municipality issued a permit during the preceding year, and the

157.10 status of high pressure piping projects for which the municipality issued a permit during a

157.11 prior year where no final inspection had occurred by the first day of the preceding year.

157.12 This summary report shall include:

157.13 (1) the permit number;

157.14 (2) the date of any final inspection; and

157.15 (3) identification of any violation of high pressure piping laws related to work

157.16 covered by the permit.

157.17 (q) The municipality and the commissioner agree that if at any time during the

157.18 agreement the municipality does not have in effect the code for high pressure piping

157.19 systems or any of the ordinances described in paragraph (a), or if the commissioner

157.20 determines that the municipality is not properly administering and enforcing the code for

157.21 high pressure piping or is otherwise not complying with the agreement:

157.22 (1) the commissioner may, effective 14 days after the municipality's receipt of

157.23 written notice, terminate the agreement and have the administration and enforcement of

157.24 the high pressure piping code in the involved municipality undertaken by the department;

157.25 (2) the municipality may challenge the termination in a contested case before the

157.26 commissioner pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; and

157.27 (3) while any challenge under clause (2) is pending, the commissioner may exercise

157.28 oversight of the municipality to the extent needed to ensure that high pressure piping

157.29 inspections are performed and permits are issued in accordance with the high pressure

157.30 piping laws.

157.31 (r) The municipality and the commissioner agree that the municipality may terminate

157.32 the agreement with or without cause on 90 days' written notice to the commissioner.

157.33 (s) The municipality and the commissioner agree that no municipality shall

157.34 revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any high pressure piping license issued by the

157.35 commissioner. If the municipality identifies during an inspection any violation that

157.36 may warrant revocation, suspension, or placement of restrictions on a high pressure

158.1 pipng license issued by the commissioner, the municipality shall promptly notify the
 158.2 commissioner of the violation and the commissioner shall determine whether revocation,
 158.3 suspension, or placement of restrictions on any high pressure piping license issued by
 158.4 the commissioner is appropriate.

158.5 ~~Subd. 5. **Reporting of permits issued.** Each municipality must submit to the~~
 158.6 ~~Department of Labor and Industry a copy of each permit issued within ten days after~~
 158.7 ~~issuance.~~

158.8 ~~All permits must be issued on forms prescribed by or approved by the Department of~~
 158.9 ~~Labor and Industry.~~

158.10 Subd. 6. **Filing and inspection fees.** (a) The department of Labor and Industry must
 158.11 charge a filing fee set by the commissioner under section 16A.1285 and an inspection fee
 158.12 for all applications for permits to construct or install high pressure piping systems. The
 158.13 filing fee for inspection of high pressure piping system construction or installation shall
 158.14 be set by the commissioner under section 16A.1285 \$100. This subdivision does The
 158.15 inspection fee shall be calculated as follows.

158.16 (1) When an application for a permit is filed prior to the start of construction or
 158.17 installation, the inspection fee shall be \$150 plus 0.022 of the first \$1,000,000, plus
 158.18 0.011 of the next \$2,000,000, plus 0.00055 of the amount over \$3,000,000 of the cost of
 158.19 construction or installation.

158.20 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (b), when an application for permit is filed after
 158.21 the start of construction or installation, the inspection fee shall be the greater of: \$1,100;
 158.22 or \$150 plus 0.033 of the first \$1,000,000, plus 0.0165 of the next \$2,000,000, plus 0.011
 158.23 of the amount over \$3,000,000 of the cost of construction or installation.

158.24 (b) The commissioner shall consider any extenuating circumstances that caused an
 158.25 application for permit to be filed after the start of construction or installation. If warranted
 158.26 by such extenuating circumstances, the commissioner may calculate the inspection fee as
 158.27 if the application for permit had been filed prior to the start of construction or installation.

158.28 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply where a permit is issued by a municipality
 158.29 complying in accordance with an agreement under subdivision 2.

158.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
 158.31 subdivision 6 is effective July 1, 2007.

158.32 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.48, is amended to read:

158.33 **326.48 LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.**

159.1 Subdivision 1. **License required; rules; time credit.** No ~~person~~ individual shall
 159.2 engage in or work at the business of a contracting high pressure pipefitter unless issued
 159.3 an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter license to do so by the department of
 159.4 ~~Labor and Industry~~. No license shall be required for repairs on existing installations. No
 159.5 ~~person~~ individual shall engage in or work at the business of journeyman pipefitter unless
 159.6 issued an individual journeyman high pressure pipefitter competency license to do so by
 159.7 the department of ~~Labor and Industry~~. A person possessing an individual contracting
 159.8 high pressure pipefitter competency license may also work as a journeyman high pressure
 159.9 pipefitter.

159.10 No person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ shall construct or install high pressure
 159.11 piping, nor install high pressure piping in connection with the dealing in and selling
 159.12 of high pressure pipe material and supplies, unless, at all times, ~~a person~~ an individual
 159.13 possessing a contracting high pressure pipefitter individual competency license or a
 159.14 journeyman high pressure pipefitter individual competency license is responsible for
 159.15 ensuring that the high pressure pipefitting work ~~conducted by the person, partnership, firm,~~
 159.16 ~~or corporation being~~ is in conformity with Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules.

159.17 The department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ shall prescribe rules, not inconsistent
 159.18 herewith, for the examination and individual competency licensing of contracting high
 159.19 pressure pipefitters and journeyman high pressure pipefitters and for issuance of permits
 159.20 by the department and municipalities for the installation of high pressure piping.

159.21 An employee performing the duties of inspector for the department of ~~Labor and~~
 159.22 ~~Industry~~ in regulating pipefitting shall not receive time credit for the inspection duties
 159.23 when making an application for a license required by this section.

159.24 Subd. 2. **High pressure pipefitting business license.** Before obtaining a permit
 159.25 for high pressure piping work, a person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ must obtain or
 159.26 utilize a business with a high pressure piping business license.

159.27 A person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ must have at all times as a full-time
 159.28 employee at least one individual holding an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter
 159.29 competency license. Only full-time employees who hold individual contracting high
 159.30 pressure pipefitter licenses are authorized to obtain high pressure piping permits in the
 159.31 name of the business. The individual contracting high pressure pipefitter competency
 159.32 license holder can be the employee of only one high pressure piping business at a time.

159.33 To retain its business license without reapplication, a person, ~~partnership, firm,~~
 159.34 ~~or corporation~~ holding a high pressure piping business license that ceases to employ a
 159.35 ~~person~~ an individual holding an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter competency
 159.36 license shall have 60 days from the last day of employment of its previous individual

160.1 contracting pipefitter competency license holder to employ another license holder. The
160.2 department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ must be notified no later than five days after the last day
160.3 of employment of the previous license holder.

160.4 No high pressure pipefitting work may be performed during any period when the
160.5 high pressure pipefitting business does not have an individual contracting high pressure
160.6 pipefitter competency license holder on staff. If a license holder is not employed within
160.7 60 days after the last day of employment of the previous license holder, the pipefitting
160.8 business license shall lapse.

160.9 The department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ shall prescribe by rule procedures for
160.10 application for and issuance of business licenses and fees.

160.11 Subd. 2a. **Registration requirement.** All pipefitter trainees must be registered
160.12 under subdivision 2b. No individual may be a registered pipefitter trainee for more than
160.13 four years unless the individual has a pending application to be licensed as a journeyman
160.14 pipefitter. No high pressure piping business shall employ a pipefitter trainee to help and
160.15 assist in the construction and installation of high pressure piping unless the pipefitter
160.16 trainee is registered.

160.17 A registered pipefitter trainee is authorized to assist in the practical construction and
160.18 installation of high pressure piping and appurtenances only while under direct supervision
160.19 of a licensed individual contracting pipefitter. The licensed individual contracting pipefitter
160.20 is responsible for ensuring that all high pressure piping work performed by the registered
160.21 pipefitter trainee complies with Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules.

160.22 Subd. 2b. **Registration with commissioner.** A licensed high pressure piping
160.23 business may register a pipefitter trainee by completing and submitting to the
160.24 commissioner a registration from provided by the commissioner. The department may
160.25 prescribe rules, not inconsistent with this section, for the registration of pipefitter trainees.
160.26 A high pressure piping business applying for initial registration of a pipefitter trainee
160.27 shall pay the department an application fee of \$50. Applications for initial registration
160.28 may be submitted at any time. Registration must be renewed annually and shall be for
160.29 one calendar year beginning on January 1. Applications for renewal registration must be
160.30 submitted to the commissioner before December 31 of each registration period on forms
160.31 provided by the commissioner, and must be accompanied by a fee of \$50. There shall
160.32 be no refund of fees paid.

160.33 Subd. 3. **Bond.** ~~The~~ As a condition of licensing, each applicant for a high pressure
160.34 piping business license or renewal shall give bond to the state in the total ~~penal~~ sum of
160.35 \$15,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all work ~~entered upon~~
160.36 contracted for or performed within the state. The bond shall run to and be for the benefit of

161.1 persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of payment or performance.
 161.2 Claims and actions on the bond may be brought according to sections 574.26 to 574.38.

161.3 The term of the bond must be concurrent with the term of the high pressure
 161.4 pipefitting business license and run without interruption from the date of the issuance of
 161.5 the license to the end of the calendar year. All high pressure pipefitting business licenses
 161.6 must be annually renewed on a calendar year basis.

161.7 The bond must be filed with the department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ and shall be
 161.8 in lieu of any other business license bonds required by any political subdivision for
 161.9 high pressure pipefitting. The bond must be written by a corporate surety licensed to
 161.10 do business in the state.

161.11 Subd. 4. **Insurance.** In addition to the bond described in subdivision 3, each
 161.12 applicant for a high pressure pipefitting business license or renewal shall have in force
 161.13 public liability insurance, including products liability insurance, with limits of at least
 161.14 \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per occurrence and property damage insurance with
 161.15 limits of at least \$50,000.

161.16 The insurance must be kept in force for the entire term of the high pressure
 161.17 pipefitting business license, and the license shall be suspended by the department if at any
 161.18 time the insurance is not in force.

161.19 The insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state and
 161.20 shall be in lieu of any other insurance required by any subdivision of government for
 161.21 high pressure pipefitting. Each person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ holding a high
 161.22 pressure pipefitting business license shall maintain on file with the department a certificate
 161.23 evidencing the insurance. Any purported cancellation of insurance shall not be effective
 161.24 without the insurer first giving 30 days' written notice to the department.

161.25 Subd. 5. **License fee.** The ~~state~~ department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ may shall charge
 161.26 ~~each applicant for a high pressure pipefitting business license or for a renewal of a high~~
 161.27 ~~pressure pipefitting business license and an additional fee commensurate with the cost of~~
 161.28 ~~administering the bond and insurance requirements of subdivisions 3 and 4; the following~~
 161.29 license fees:

161.30 (a) application for journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license,
 161.31 \$100;

161.32 (b) renewal of journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license, \$60;

161.33 (c) application for contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency license,
 161.34 \$250;

161.35 (d) renewal of contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency license, \$220;

161.36 (e) application for high pressure piping business license, \$350;

162.1 (f) application to inactivate a contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency
 162.2 license or inactivate a journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license,
 162.3 \$30; and

162.4 (g) renewal of an inactive contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency
 162.5 license or inactive journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license, \$30.

162.6 If an application for renewal of an active or inactive journeyman high pressure
 162.7 piping pipefitter competency license or active or inactive contracting high pressure piping
 162.8 competency license is received by the department after the date of expiration of the
 162.9 license, a \$30 late renewal fee shall be added to the license renewal fee.

162.10 Payment must accompany the application for a license or renewal of a license. There
 162.11 shall be no refund of fees paid.

162.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
 162.13 subdivisions 2a, 2b, and 5 are effective July 1, 2007.

162.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.50, is amended to read:

162.15 **326.50 LICENSE APPLICATION, FEES AND RENEWAL.**

162.16 Application for an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter competency or an
 162.17 individual journeyman high pressure pipefitter competency license shall be made to the
 162.18 department of Labor and Industry, with fees. The applicant shall be licensed only after
 162.19 passing an examination developed and administered by the department of Labor and
 162.20 Industry. A competency license issued by the department shall expire on December 31
 162.21 of each year. A renewal application must be received by the department within one year
 162.22 after expiration of the competency license. A license that has been expired for more
 162.23 than one year cannot be renewed, and can only be reissued if the applicant submits a
 162.24 new application for the competency license, pays a new application fee, and retakes and
 162.25 passes the applicable license examination.

162.26 Sec. 9. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

162.27 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
 162.28 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
 162.29 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
162.30 <u>326.46</u>	<u>326B.90</u>
162.31 <u>326.461</u>	<u>326B.91</u>
162.32 <u>326.47</u>	<u>326B.92</u>

163.1 326.48 326B.93

163.2 326.50 326B.94

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ARTICLE 11

163.4

CONFORMING CHANGES

163.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 31.175, is amended to read:

163.6 **31.175 WATER, PLUMBING, AND SEWAGE.**

163.7 A person who is required by statutes administered by the Department of Agriculture,
 163.8 or by rules adopted pursuant to those statutes, to provide a suitable water supply, or
 163.9 plumbing or sewage disposal system, may not engage in the business of manufacturing,
 163.10 processing, selling, handling, or storing food at wholesale or retail unless the person's
 163.11 water supply is satisfactory under plumbing codes adopted by the Department of ~~Health~~
 163.12 Labor and Industry and the person's sewage disposal system satisfies the rules of the
 163.13 Pollution Control Agency.

163.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103I.621, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

163.15 Subd. 3. **Construction requirements.** (a) Withdrawal and reinjection for the
 163.16 groundwater thermal exchange device must be accomplished by a closed system in which
 163.17 the waters drawn for thermal exchange do not have contact or commingle with water
 163.18 from other sources or with polluting material or substances. The closed system must be
 163.19 constructed to allow an opening for inspection by the commissioner.

163.20 (b) Wells that are part of a groundwater thermal exchange system may not serve
 163.21 another function, except water may be supplied to the domestic water system if:

163.22 (1) the supply is taken from the thermal exchange system ahead of the heat exchange
 163.23 unit; and

163.24 (2) the domestic water system is protected by an airgap or backflow prevention
 163.25 device as described in rules relating to plumbing enforced by the commissioner of labor
 163.26 and industry.

163.27 (c) A groundwater thermal exchange system may be used for domestic water heating
 163.28 only if the water heating device is an integral part of the heat exchange unit that is used for
 163.29 space heating and cooling.

163.30 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.122, is amended to read:

163.31 **144.122 LICENSE, PERMIT, AND SURVEY FEES.**

164.1 (a) The state commissioner of health, by rule, may prescribe procedures and fees
 164.2 for filing with the commissioner as prescribed by statute and for the issuance of original
 164.3 and renewal permits, licenses, registrations, and certifications issued under authority of
 164.4 the commissioner. The expiration dates of the various licenses, permits, registrations,
 164.5 and certifications as prescribed by the rules shall be plainly marked thereon. Fees may
 164.6 include application and examination fees and a penalty fee for renewal applications
 164.7 submitted after the expiration date of the previously issued permit, license, registration,
 164.8 and certification. The commissioner may also prescribe, by rule, reduced fees for permits,
 164.9 licenses, registrations, and certifications when the application therefor is submitted
 164.10 during the last three months of the permit, license, registration, or certification period.
 164.11 Fees proposed to be prescribed in the rules shall be first approved by the Department of
 164.12 Finance. All fees proposed to be prescribed in rules shall be reasonable. The fees shall be
 164.13 in an amount so that the total fees collected by the commissioner will, where practical,
 164.14 approximate the cost to the commissioner in administering the program. All fees collected
 164.15 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue
 164.16 fund unless otherwise specifically appropriated by law for specific purposes.

164.17 (b) The commissioner may charge a fee for voluntary certification of medical
 164.18 laboratories and environmental laboratories, and for environmental and medical laboratory
 164.19 services provided by the department, without complying with paragraph (a) or chapter 14.
 164.20 Fees charged for environment and medical laboratory services provided by the department
 164.21 must be approximately equal to the costs of providing the services.

164.22 (c) The commissioner may develop a schedule of fees for diagnostic evaluations
 164.23 conducted at clinics held by the services for children with disabilities program. All
 164.24 receipts generated by the program are annually appropriated to the commissioner for use
 164.25 in the maternal and child health program.

164.26 (d) The commissioner shall set license fees for hospitals and nursing homes that are
 164.27 not boarding care homes at the following levels:

164.28	Joint Commission on Accreditation of	
164.29	Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and	
164.30	American Osteopathic Association (AOA)	
164.31	hospitals	\$7,555 plus \$13 per bed
164.32	Non-JCAHO and non-AOA hospitals	\$5,180 plus \$247 per bed
164.33	Nursing home	\$183 plus \$91 per bed

164.34 The commissioner shall set license fees for outpatient surgical centers, boarding care
 164.35 homes, and supervised living facilities at the following levels:

165.1	Outpatient surgical centers	\$3,349
165.2	Boarding care homes	\$183 plus \$91 per bed
165.3	Supervised living facilities	\$183 plus \$91 per bed.

165.4 (e) Unless prohibited by federal law, the commissioner of health shall charge
 165.5 applicants the following fees to cover the cost of any initial certification surveys required
 165.6 to determine a provider's eligibility to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid program:

165.7	Prospective payment surveys for hospitals	\$900
165.8	Swing bed surveys for nursing homes	\$1,200
165.9	Psychiatric hospitals	\$1,400
165.10	Rural health facilities	\$1,100
165.11	Portable x-ray providers	\$500
165.12	Home health agencies	\$1,800
165.13	Outpatient therapy agencies	\$800
165.14	End stage renal dialysis providers	\$2,100
165.15	Independent therapists	\$800
165.16	Comprehensive rehabilitation outpatient	
165.17	facilities	\$1,200
165.18	Hospice providers	\$1,700
165.19	Ambulatory surgical providers	\$1,800
165.20	Hospitals	\$4,200
165.21	Other provider categories or additional	Actual surveyor costs:
165.22	resurveys required to complete initial	average surveyor cost x
165.23	certification	number of hours for the
165.24		survey process.

165.25 These fees shall be submitted at the time of the application for federal certification
 165.26 and shall not be refunded. All fees collected after the date that the imposition of fees is not
 165.27 prohibited by federal law shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state
 165.28 government special revenue fund.

165.29 ~~(f) The commissioner shall charge the following fees for examinations, registrations,~~
 165.30 ~~licenses, and inspections:~~

165.31	Plumbing examination	\$ 50
165.32	Water conditioning examination	\$ 50
165.33	Plumbing bond registration fee	\$ 40
165.34	Water conditioning bond registration fee	\$ 40
165.35	Master plumber's license	\$120
165.36	Journeyman plumber's license	\$ 55
165.37	Apprentice registration	\$ 25
165.38	Water conditioning contractor license	\$ 70
165.39	Water conditioning installer license	\$ 35
165.40	Residential inspection fee (each visit)	\$ 50
165.41	Public, commercial, and industrial	Inspection fee
165.42	inspections	

166.1	25 or fewer drainage fixture units	\$ 300
166.2	26 to 50 drainage fixture units	\$ 900
166.3	51 to 150 drainage fixture units	\$1,200
166.4	151 to 249 drainage fixture units	\$1,500
166.5	250 or more drainage fixture units	\$1,800
166.6	Callback fee (each visit)	\$100

166.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

166.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

166.9 Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The provisions of chapters 103I and 157 and
166.10 sections 115.71 to 115.77; 144.12, subdivision 1, paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (10), (12),
166.11 (13), (14), and (15); 144.1201 to 144.1204; 144.121; 144.1222; 144.35; 144.381 to
166.12 144.385; 144.411 to 144.417; 144.495; 144.71 to 144.74; 144.9501 to 144.9509; 144.992;
166.13 ~~326.37 to 326.45; 326.57~~ 326.70 to 326.785; 327.10 to 327.131; and 327.14 to 327.28 and
166.14 all rules, orders, stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses,
166.15 registrations, certificates, and permits adopted or issued by the department or under any
166.16 other law now in force or later enacted for the preservation of public health may, in
166.17 addition to provisions in other statutes, be enforced under this section.

166.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 175.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

166.19 Subdivision 1. **Established.** The Department of Labor and Industry shall consist
166.20 of the following divisions: Division of Workers' Compensation, Division of ~~Boiler~~
166.21 ~~Inspection~~ Construction Codes and Licensing, Division of Occupational Safety and
166.22 Health, Division of Statistics, ~~Division of Steamfitting Standards~~, Division of Labor
166.23 Standards and Apprenticeship, and such other divisions as the commissioner of the
166.24 Department of Labor and Industry may deem necessary and establish. Each division of
166.25 the department and persons in charge thereof shall be subject to the supervision of the
166.26 commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and, in addition to such duties
166.27 as are or may be imposed on them by statute, shall perform such other duties as may be
166.28 assigned to them by the commissioner. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
166.29 the commissioner is the administrator and supervisor of all of the department's dispute
166.30 resolution functions and personnel and may delegate authority to compensation judges
166.31 and others to make determinations under sections 176.106, 176.238, and 176.239 and to
166.32 approve settlement of claims under section 176.521.

166.33 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 214.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

167.1 Subd. 3. **Non-health-related licensing board.** "Non-health-related licensing
 167.2 board" means the Board of Teaching established pursuant to section 122A.07, the Board
 167.3 of Barber Examiners established pursuant to section 154.001, the Board of Assessors
 167.4 established pursuant to section 270.41, the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land
 167.5 Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design established pursuant
 167.6 to section 326.04, ~~the Board of Electricity established pursuant to section 326.241,~~ the
 167.7 Private Detective and Protective Agent Licensing Board established pursuant to section
 167.8 326.33, the Board of Accountancy established pursuant to section 326A.02, and the Peace
 167.9 Officer Standards and Training Board established pursuant to section 626.841.

167.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 214.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

167.11 Subdivision 1. **Services provided.** (a) ~~The commissioner of administration with~~
 167.12 ~~respect to the Board of Electricity,~~ the commissioner of education with respect to the
 167.13 Board of Teaching; the commissioner of public safety with respect to the Board of Private
 167.14 Detective and Protective Agent Services; the panel established pursuant to section
 167.15 299A.465, subdivision 7; the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; and the
 167.16 commissioner of revenue with respect to the Board of Assessors, shall provide suitable
 167.17 offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, examination rooms, and
 167.18 the following administrative support services: purchasing service, accounting service,
 167.19 advisory personnel services, consulting services relating to evaluation procedures and
 167.20 techniques, data processing, duplicating, mailing services, automated printing of license
 167.21 renewals, and such other similar services of a housekeeping nature as are generally
 167.22 available to other agencies of state government. Investigative services shall be provided
 167.23 the boards by employees of the Office of Attorney General. The commissioner of health
 167.24 with respect to the health-related licensing boards shall provide mailing and office supply
 167.25 services and may provide other facilities and services listed in this subdivision at a
 167.26 central location upon request of the health-related licensing boards. The commissioner of
 167.27 commerce with respect to the remaining non-health-related licensing boards shall provide
 167.28 the above facilities and services at a central location for the remaining non-health-related
 167.29 licensing boards. The legal and investigative services for the boards shall be provided
 167.30 by employees of the attorney general assigned to the departments servicing the boards.
 167.31 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the attorney general shall not be precluded by this section
 167.32 from assigning other attorneys to service a board if necessary in order to insure competent
 167.33 and consistent legal representation. Persons providing legal and investigative services
 167.34 shall to the extent practicable provide the services on a regular basis to the same board
 167.35 or boards.

168.1 (b) The requirements in paragraph (a) with respect to the panel established in section
 168.2 299A.465, subdivision 7, expire July 1, 2008.

168.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 214.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

168.4 Subd. 3. **Officers; staff.** The executive director of each health-related board and
 168.5 the executive secretary of each non-health-related board shall be the chief administrative
 168.6 officer for the board but shall not be a member of the board. The executive director or
 168.7 executive secretary shall maintain the records of the board, account for all fees received
 168.8 by it, supervise and direct employees servicing the board, and perform other services as
 168.9 directed by the board. The executive directors, executive secretaries, and other employees
 168.10 of the following boards shall be hired by the board, and the executive directors or executive
 168.11 secretaries shall be in the unclassified civil service, except as provided in this subdivision:

168.12 (1) Dentistry;

168.13 (2) Medical Practice;

168.14 (3) Nursing;

168.15 (4) Pharmacy;

168.16 (5) Accountancy;

168.17 (6) Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture,
 168.18 Geoscience, and Interior Design;

168.19 (7) Barber Examiners;

168.20 (8) Cosmetology;

168.21 ~~(9) Electricity;~~

168.22 ~~(10) (9) Teaching;~~

168.23 ~~(11) (10) Peace Officer Standards and Training;~~

168.24 ~~(12) (11) Social Work;~~

168.25 ~~(13) (12) Marriage and Family Therapy;~~

168.26 ~~(14) (13) Dietetics and Nutrition Practice; and~~

168.27 ~~(15) (14) Licensed Professional Counseling.~~

168.28 The executive directors or executive secretaries serving the boards are hired by those
 168.29 boards and are in the unclassified civil service, except for part-time executive directors
 168.30 or executive secretaries, who are not required to be in the unclassified service. Boards
 168.31 not requiring full-time executive directors or executive secretaries may employ them on
 168.32 a part-time basis. To the extent practicable, the sharing of part-time executive directors
 168.33 or executive secretaries by boards being serviced by the same department is encouraged.
 168.34 Persons providing services to those boards not listed in this subdivision, except executive
 168.35 directors or executive secretaries of the boards and employees of the attorney general, are

169.1 classified civil service employees of the department servicing the board. To the extent
 169.2 practicable, the commissioner shall ensure that staff services are shared by the boards
 169.3 being serviced by the department. If necessary, a board may hire part-time, temporary
 169.4 employees to administer and grade examinations.

169.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.975, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.6 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) In addition to any other fees, each applicant for a
 169.7 license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall pay a fee to the contractor's recovery fund.
 169.8 The contractor's recovery fund is created in the state treasury and must be administered
 169.9 by the commissioner in the manner and subject to all the requirements and limitations
 169.10 provided by section 82.43 ~~with the following exceptions:~~

169.11 ~~(1) each licensee who renews a license shall pay in addition to the appropriate~~
 169.12 ~~renewal fee an additional fee which shall be credited to the contractor's recovery fund. The~~
 169.13 ~~amount of the fee shall be based on the licensee's gross annual receipts for the licensee's~~
 169.14 ~~most recent fiscal year preceding the renewal, on the following scale:~~

169.15	Fee	Gross Receipts
169.16	\$100	under \$1,000,000
169.17	\$150	\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000
169.18	\$200	over \$5,000,000

169.19 ~~Any person who receives a new license shall pay a fee based on the same scale;~~

169.20 ~~(2)~~ (1) The purpose of this fund is:

169.21 (i) to compensate any aggrieved owner or lessee of residential property located
 169.22 within this state who obtains a final judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction
 169.23 against a licensee licensed under section 326.84, on grounds of fraudulent, deceptive, or
 169.24 dishonest practices, conversion of funds, or failure of performance arising directly out
 169.25 of any transaction when the judgment debtor was licensed and performed any of the
 169.26 activities enumerated under section 326.83, subdivision 19, on the owner's residential
 169.27 property or on residential property rented by the lessee, or on new residential construction
 169.28 which was never occupied prior to purchase by the owner, or which was occupied by the
 169.29 licensee for less than one year prior to purchase by the owner, and which cause of action
 169.30 arose on or after April 1, 1994; and

169.31 (ii) to reimburse the Department of Commerce for all legal and administrative
 169.32 expenses, including staffing costs, incurred in administering the fund;

169.33 ~~(3)~~ (2) nothing may obligate the fund for more than \$50,000 per claimant, nor more
 169.34 than \$75,000 per licensee; and

170.1 ~~(4)~~(3) nothing may obligate the fund for claims based on a cause of action that
 170.2 arose before the licensee paid the recovery fund fee set in clause (1), or as provided in
 170.3 section 326.945, subdivision 3.

170.4 (b) Should the commissioner pay from the contractor's recovery fund any amount
 170.5 in settlement of a claim or toward satisfaction of a judgment against a licensee, the
 170.6 license shall be automatically suspended upon the effective date of an order by the court
 170.7 authorizing payment from the fund. No licensee shall be granted reinstatement until the
 170.8 licensee has repaid in full, plus interest at the rate of 12 percent a year, twice the amount
 170.9 paid from the fund on the licensee's account, and has obtained a surety bond issued by an
 170.10 insurer authorized to transact business in this state in the amount of at least \$40,000.

170.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

170.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

170.13 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** No domestic animals or house pets of occupants of
 170.14 manufactured home parks or recreational camping areas shall be allowed to run at large,
 170.15 or commit any nuisances within the limits of a manufactured home park or recreational
 170.16 camping area. Each manufactured home park or recreational camping area licensed under
 170.17 the provisions of sections 327.10, 327.11, 327.14 to 327.28 shall, among other things,
 170.18 provide for the following, in the manner hereinafter specified:

170.19 (1) A responsible attendant or caretaker shall be in charge of every manufactured
 170.20 home park or recreational camping area at all times, who shall maintain the park or
 170.21 area, and its facilities and equipment in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition. In any
 170.22 manufactured home park containing more than 50 lots, the attendant, caretaker, or other
 170.23 responsible park employee, shall be readily available at all times in case of emergency.

170.24 (2) All manufactured home parks shall be well drained and be located so that the
 170.25 drainage of the park area will not endanger any water supply. No wastewater from
 170.26 manufactured homes or recreational camping vehicles shall be deposited on the surface of
 170.27 the ground. All sewage and other water carried wastes shall be discharged into a municipal
 170.28 sewage system whenever available. When a municipal sewage system is not available, a
 170.29 sewage disposal system acceptable to the state commissioner of health shall be provided.

170.30 (3) No manufactured home shall be located closer than three feet to the side lot lines
 170.31 of a manufactured home park, if the abutting property is improved property, or closer than
 170.32 ten feet to a public street or alley. Each individual site shall abut or face on a driveway
 170.33 or clear unoccupied space of not less than 16 feet in width, which space shall have
 170.34 unobstructed access to a public highway or alley. There shall be an open space of at least
 170.35 ten feet between the sides of adjacent manufactured homes including their attachments

171.1 and at least three feet between manufactured homes when parked end to end. The space
171.2 between manufactured homes may be used for the parking of motor vehicles and other
171.3 property, if the vehicle or other property is parked at least ten feet from the nearest
171.4 adjacent manufactured home position. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply
171.5 to recreational camping areas and variances may be granted by the state commissioner
171.6 of health in manufactured home parks when the variance is applied for in writing and in
171.7 the opinion of the commissioner the variance will not endanger the health, safety, and
171.8 welfare of manufactured home park occupants.

171.9 (4) An adequate supply of water of safe, sanitary quality shall be furnished at each
171.10 manufactured home park or recreational camping area. The source of the water supply
171.11 shall first be approved by the state Department of Health.

171.12 (5) All plumbing shall be installed in accordance with the rules of the state
171.13 commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry and the provisions of the Minnesota Plumbing
171.14 Code.

171.15 (6) In the case of a manufactured home park with less than ten manufactured homes,
171.16 a plan for the sheltering or the safe evacuation to a safe place of shelter of the residents of
171.17 the park in times of severe weather conditions, such as tornadoes, high winds, and floods.
171.18 The shelter or evacuation plan shall be developed with the assistance and approval of
171.19 the municipality where the park is located and shall be posted at conspicuous locations
171.20 throughout the park. The park owner shall provide each resident with a copy of the
171.21 approved shelter or evacuation plan, as provided by section 327C.01, subdivision 1c.
171.22 Nothing in this paragraph requires the Department of Health to review or approve any
171.23 shelter or evacuation plan developed by a park. Failure of a municipality to approve a plan
171.24 submitted by a park shall not be grounds for action against the park by the Department of
171.25 Health if the park has made a good faith effort to develop the plan and obtain municipal
171.26 approval.

171.27 (7) A manufactured home park with ten or more manufactured homes, licensed prior
171.28 to March 1, 1988, shall provide a safe place of shelter for park residents or a plan for the
171.29 evacuation of park residents to a safe place of shelter within a reasonable distance of the
171.30 park for use by park residents in times of severe weather, including tornadoes and high
171.31 winds. The shelter or evacuation plan must be approved by the municipality by March 1,
171.32 1989. The municipality may require the park owner to construct a shelter if it determines
171.33 that a safe place of shelter is not available within a reasonable distance from the park. A
171.34 copy of the municipal approval and the plan shall be submitted by the park owner to the
171.35 Department of Health. The park owner shall provide each resident with a copy of the
171.36 approved shelter or evacuation plan, as provided by section 327C.01, subdivision 1c.

172.1 (8) A manufactured home park with ten or more manufactured homes, receiving
 172.2 a primary license after March 1, 1988, must provide the type of shelter required by
 172.3 section 327.205, except that for manufactured home parks established as temporary,
 172.4 emergency housing in a disaster area declared by the President of the United States or
 172.5 the governor, an approved evacuation plan may be provided in lieu of a shelter for a
 172.6 period not exceeding 18 months.

172.7 (9) For the purposes of this subdivision, "park owner" and "resident" have the
 172.8 meaning given them in section 327C.01.

172.9 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.205, is amended to read:

172.10 **327.205 SHELTER CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.**

172.11 The commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry shall adopt, by rule,
 172.12 minimum standards for the construction of low cost manufactured home park storm
 172.13 shelters by March 1, 1988. All shelters constructed after March 1, 1988, shall be
 172.14 constructed in accordance with these standards.

172.15 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327A.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

172.16 Subd. 2. **Building standards.** "Building standards" means the materials and
 172.17 installation standards of the State Building Code, adopted by the commissioner of
 172.18 ~~administration~~ labor and industry pursuant to sections 16B.59 to 16B.75, in effect at
 172.19 the time of the construction or remodeling.

172.20 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 363A.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

172.21 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

172.22 (a) "Accessible unit" means an accessible rental housing unit that meets the
 172.23 ~~disability facility~~ persons with disabilities requirements of the State Building Code;
 172.24 ~~Minnesota Rules, chapter 1340.~~

172.25 (b) "Landlord" has the meaning given it in section 504B.001, subdivision 7.

172.26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 462.357, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

172.27 Subd. 6a. **Normal residential surroundings for disabled persons with**
 172.28 **disabilities.** It is the policy of this state that ~~disabled persons and children~~ persons with disabilities
 172.29 should not be excluded by municipal zoning ordinances or other land use regulations from
 172.30 the benefits of normal residential surroundings. For purposes of subdivisions 6a through
 172.31 9, "person" has the meaning given in section 245A.02, subdivision 11.

173.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 462A.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

173.2 Subd. 8. **State Building Code.** It may assist the commissioner of ~~administration~~
 173.3 labor and industry in the development, implementation and revision of ~~a uniform the~~
 173.4 State Building Code.

173.5 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.465, is amended to read:

173.6 **471.465 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; BUILDING REGULATIONS;**
 173.7 **DEFINITIONS.**

173.8 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 471.465 to 471.469, the terms
 173.9 defined in this section have the meanings given them.

173.10 Subd. 2. **Buildings and facilities.** "Buildings and facilities" means any and all
 173.11 buildings and facilities and the grounds appurtenant thereto within any city, township or
 173.12 other governmental subdivision of the state other than all farm dwellings and buildings
 173.13 and single and two family dwellings. However, on the date on which rules promulgated by
 173.14 the commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry regarding building requirements for
 173.15 ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities shall become effective, "buildings and facilities" shall
 173.16 mean only those structures which must provide facilities for ~~the disabled~~ persons with
 173.17 disabilities pursuant to said rules.

173.18 Subd. 3. ~~Physically disabled~~ **Persons with disabilities.** "~~Physically disabled~~
 173.19 Persons with disabilities" means and includes people having sight disabilities, hearing
 173.20 disabilities, disabilities of incoordination, disabilities of aging, and any other disability
 173.21 that significantly reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination, or perceptiveness.

173.22 Subd. 4. **Remodeling.** "Remodeling" means deliberate reconstruction of an existing
 173.23 building or facility in whole or in part in order to bring it up to date to conform with
 173.24 present uses of the structure and to conform with rules and regulations on the upgrading
 173.25 of health and safety aspects of structures.

173.26 Subd. 5. **Local authority.** "Local authority" means the local authority having
 173.27 jurisdiction over local building construction.

173.28 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.466, is amended to read:

173.29 **471.466 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

173.30 The duty and power to administer and enforce sections 471.465 to 471.469 is
 173.31 conferred upon and vested in the commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry and
 173.32 the local authority.

174.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.467, is amended to read:

174.2 **471.467 BUILDING REQUIREMENTS; CONFORMITY.**

174.3 Subdivision 1. **Date applicable.** On the date on which rules promulgated by the
 174.4 commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry regarding building requirements for
 174.5 ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities shall become effective, said rules shall exclusively
 174.6 govern the provision of facilities.

174.7 Subd. 2. **No remodeling if solely for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities.** Nothing
 174.8 in sections 471.465 to 471.469 shall be construed to require the remodeling of buildings
 174.9 solely to provide accessibility and usability to ~~the physically disabled~~ persons with
 174.10 disabilities when remodeling would not otherwise be undertaken.

174.11 Subd. 3. **Applies to remodeled part.** When any building or facility covered
 174.12 by sections 471.465 to 471.469 undergoes remodeling either in whole or in part, that
 174.13 portion of the building or facility remodeled shall conform to the requirements of sections
 174.14 471.465 to 471.469.

174.15 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.471, is amended to read:

174.16 **471.471 ACCESS REVIEW BOARD.**

174.17 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Access Review Board consists of:

174.18 (1) a representative of the ~~Building Code and Standards Division of the Department~~
 174.19 ~~of Administration Labor and Industry~~, appointed by the commissioner of ~~administration~~
 174.20 labor and industry;

174.21 (2) a representative of the state fire marshal's office, appointed by the commissioner
 174.22 of public safety;

174.23 (3) the commissioner of human rights or the commissioner's designee;

174.24 (4) a representative of the elevator safety section, designated by the commissioner
 174.25 of labor and industry ~~or the commissioner's designee~~; and

174.26 (5) the chair of the Council on Disability or the chair's designee.

174.27 The board shall elect a chair from among its members. Terms of members coincide with
 174.28 the terms of their appointing authorities or, in the case of ex officio members or their
 174.29 designees, with the terms of the offices by virtue of which they are members of the board.
 174.30 Compensation of members is governed by section 15.0575, subdivision 3.

174.31 Subd. 2. **Staff; administrative support.** The commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor
 174.32 and industry shall furnish staff, office space, and administrative support to the board. Staff
 174.33 assigned to the board must be knowledgeable with respect to access codes, site surveys,
 174.34 plan design, and product use and eligibility.

175.1 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The board shall consider applications for waivers from the
 175.2 State Building Code to permit the installation of stairway chair lifts to provide limited
 175.3 accessibility for ~~the physically disabled~~ persons with disabilities to buildings in which
 175.4 the provision of access by means permitted under the State Building Code is not
 175.5 architecturally or financially possible. In considering applications, the board shall review
 175.6 other possible access options. The board may approve an application for installation of a
 175.7 stairway chair when the board determines that the installation would be appropriate and
 175.8 no other means of access is possible. In determining whether to approve an application,
 175.9 the board shall consider:

175.10 (1) the need for limited accessibility when a higher degree of accessibility is not
 175.11 required by state or federal law or rule;

175.12 (2) the architectural feasibility of providing a greater degree of accessibility than
 175.13 would be provided by the proposed device or equipment;

175.14 (3) the total cost of the proposed device or equipment over its projected usable life,
 175.15 including installation, maintenance, and replacement costs;

175.16 (4) the reliability of the proposed device or equipment;

175.17 (5) the applicant's ability to comply with all recognized access and safety standards
 175.18 for installation and maintenance; and

175.19 (6) whether the proposed device or equipment can be operated and used without
 175.20 reducing or compromising minimum safety standards.

175.21 The board shall consider the applicant's demonstrated inability to afford a greater degree
 175.22 of accessibility, but may not give greater weight to this factor than to the factors listed
 175.23 in clauses (1) to (6). The board may not approve an application unless the applicant
 175.24 guarantees that the device or equipment will be installed and operated in accordance with
 175.25 nationally recognized standards for such devices or equipment and agrees to obtain any
 175.26 permits needed from the agency responsible for enforcing those standards.

175.27 Subd. 4. **Application process.** A person seeking a waiver shall apply to the
 175.28 ~~Building Code and Standards Division of the Department of Administration~~ Labor and
 175.29 Industry on a form prescribed by the board and pay a \$70 fee to the construction code
 175.30 fund. The division shall review the application to determine whether it appears to be
 175.31 meritorious, using the standards set out in subdivision 3. The division shall forward
 175.32 applications it considers meritorious to the board, along with a list and summary of
 175.33 applications considered not to be meritorious. The board may require the division to
 175.34 forward to it an application the division has considered not to be meritorious. The board
 175.35 shall issue a decision on an application within 90 days of its receipt. A board decision

176.1 to approve an application must be unanimous. An application that contains false or
 176.2 misleading information must be rejected.

176.3 Subd. 5. **Liability.** Board members are immune from liability for personal injury or
 176.4 death resulting from the use or misuse of a device or equipment installed and operated
 176.5 under a waiver granted by the board.

176.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

176.7 **ARTICLE 12**

176.8 **REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE**

176.9 Section 1. **REPEALER.**

176.10 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.665; 16B.747, subdivision 4; 183.001;
 176.11 183.02; 183.375, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6; 183.41, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; 183.44,
 176.12 subdivisions 1, 2, and 3; 183.52; 183.54, subdivision 2; 183.61, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, and
 176.13 6; 326.01, subdivisions 6h, 10, 11, and 12; 326.242, subdivisions 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f,
 176.14 9g, 9h, 9i, 9j, 9k, and 10; 326.244, subdivision 6; 326.246; 326.2461; 326.40, subdivision
 176.15 4; 326.41; 326.45; 326.47, subdivision 5; 326.51; 326.521; 326.83, subdivisions 3, 4, 12,
 176.16 and 13; 326.85; 326.875; 326.91, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4; 326.945; 326.975; 326.98; and
 176.17 327B.05, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, are repealed.

176.18 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 183.375, subdivision 5; 183.545, subdivision
 176.19 9; 326.01, subdivision 13; 326.44; 326.52; and 326.64, are repealed.

176.20 (c) Minnesota Rules, parts 2809.0230; 2891.0010; 2891.0030; 3800.2650;
 176.21 3800.3580; 3800.3590; 3800.3630; 3800.3750; 3800.3835; 4715.5600; 4715.5900;
 176.22 4717.7000, subpart 1, item I; 5225.0880; 5225.8600, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and
 176.23 9; 5230.0010; 5230.0020; 5230.0040; 5230.0060, subpart 2; and 5230.0100, subparts
 176.24 1, 3, and 4, are repealed.

176.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a) and (c) are effective December 1, 2007.

176.26 Paragraph (b) is effective July 1, 2007.

176.27 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

176.28 This act is effective December 1, 2007, except when another date is specified. The
 176.29 revisor's instructions contained in this act shall be implemented for the 2008 edition of
 176.30 Minnesota Statutes.