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May 11, 2007

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To Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

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Calendar for the Day, Amended
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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to state government; changing provisions for construction codes and
1.2 licensing provisions; providing penalties and enforcement; modifying provisions
1.3 relating to the limitation on certain actions; instructing the revisor to renumber
1.4 certain statutory sections; appropriating money; providing appropriation
1.5 reductions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.04, subdivision 2;
1.6 16B.60, subdivisions 4, 7, 8, 11; 16B.61; 16B.615, subdivision 4; 16B.617;
1.7 16B.6175; 16B.63; 16B.64, by adding a subdivision; 16B.65; 16B.70; 16B.72;
1.8 16B.73; 16B.735; 16B.74, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions; 16B.741;
1.9 16B.744; 16B.745, subdivisions 1, 4; 16B.747; 16B.748; 16B.76; 31.175;
1.10 103I.621, subdivision 3; 144.122; 144.99, subdivision 1; 175.16, subdivision 1;
1.11 178.01; 178.02; 178.03, subdivision 3; 178.041, subdivision 1; 183.38; 183.39,
1.12 subdivision 1; 183.411, subdivision 2; 183.42; 183.45; 183.46; 183.465; 183.466;
1.13 183.48; 183.501; 183.505; 183.51; 183.54, subdivisions 1, 3; 183.545, by adding
1.14 a subdivision; 183.56; 183.57, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 6; 183.59; 183.60; 183.61,
1.15 subdivisions 2, 4; 214.01, subdivision 3; 214.04, subdivisions 1, 3; 299F.011,
1.16 subdivision 1; 325E.37, subdivision 6; 325E.58; 326.01, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 6,
1.17 6a, 6b, 6c, 6e, 6f, 6g, 6j, 6k, 6l, 7, 8, by adding subdivisions; 326.242; 326.243;
1.18 326.244, subdivisions 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 326.2441; 326.245;
1.19 326.248; 326.37; 326.38; 326.39; 326.40; 326.401; 326.405; 326.42; 326.46;
1.20 326.461, by adding subdivisions; 326.47; 326.48; 326.50; 326.57, subdivision
1.21 1; 326.58; 326.59; 326.60; 326.601; 326.61, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 326.62;
1.22 326.65; 326.83, subdivisions 6, 7, 11, 18, 19, 20; 326.84; 326.841; 326.842;
1.23 326.86; 326.87; 326.88; 326.89; 326.90, subdivision 1; 326.91, subdivision
1.24 1; 326.92; 326.921; 326.93; 326.94; 326.95, subdivision 2; 326.96; 326.97;
1.25 326.975, subdivision 1; 326.992; 327.20, subdivision 1; 327.205; 327.31,
1.26 subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 15, by adding a subdivision; 327.32, subdivision 8;
1.27 327.33, subdivisions 2, 6, 7; 327.34, subdivision 3; 327.35, subdivisions
1.28 1, 2; 327A.01, subdivision 2; 327B.01, subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 17, by adding
1.29 subdivisions; 327B.04, subdivisions 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, by adding a subdivision;
1.30 327B.05, subdivision 1; 327B.10; 363A.40, subdivision 1; 462.357, subdivision
1.31 6a; 462A.07, subdivision 8; 471.465; 471.466; 471.467; 471.471; 541.051;
1.32 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 326; 327B;
1.33 proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326B; repealing
1.34 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.665; 16B.747, subdivision 4; 183.001;
1.35 183.02; 183.375, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 183.41, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4;
1.36 183.44, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 183.52; 183.54, subdivision 2; 183.545, subdivision
1.37 9; 183.61, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 6; 326.01, subdivisions 4, 6h, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13;
1.38 326.241; 326.242, subdivisions 4, 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g, 9h, 9i, 9j, 9k, 10;
1.39

2.1 326.244, subdivision 6; 326.246; 326.2461; 326.247; 326.40, subdivision 4;
 2.2 326.41; 326.44; 326.45; 326.47, subdivision 5; 326.51; 326.52; 326.521; 326.64;
 2.3 326.83, subdivisions 3, 4, 12, 13; 326.85; 326.875; 326.91, subdivisions 2, 3, 4;
 2.4 326.945; 326.975; 326.98; 327B.05, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Minnesota Rules,
 2.5 parts 2809.0230; 2891.0010; 2891.0030; 3800.2650; 3800.3580; 3800.3590;
 2.6 3800.3630; 3800.3750; 3800.3835; 4715.5600; 4715.5900; 4717.7000, subpart
 2.7 1, item I; 5225.0880; 5225.8600, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 5230.0010;
 2.8 5230.0020; 5230.0040; 5230.0060, subpart 2; 5230.0100, subparts 1, 3, 4.

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

2.10 ARTICLE 1

2.11 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION

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

2.13 In Minnesota Rules, chapters 1300, 1301, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1315,
 2.14 1346, 1350, 1360, and 7672, the revisor of statutes shall:

2.15 (1) change the term "commissioner of administration" to "commissioner of labor
 2.16 and industry";

2.17 (2) change the term "Department of Administration" to "Department of Labor and
 2.18 Industry";

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

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

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

2.25 ARTICLE 2

2.26 CONSTRUCTION CODES AND LICENSING

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

2.29 Subdivision 1. **State Fire Code rulemaking authority.** The commissioner of
 2.30 ~~public safety through the Division of Fire Marshal may promulgate~~ labor and industry,
 2.31 consistent with the recommendations of the state fire marshal, shall adopt a State Fire
 2.32 Code and make amendments thereto in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
 2.33 in chapter 14. The code and its amendments shall conform insofar as practicable to model
 2.34 fire codes generally accepted and in use throughout the United States, with consideration
 2.35 given to existing statewide specialty codes presently in use in the state of Minnesota.

3.1 Statewide specialty codes and model codes with necessary modifications may be adopted
3.2 by reference in accordance with section 14.07, subdivision 4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.19 Subdivision 1. **Transfer of responsibilities.** The responsibilities of the
3.20 commissioner of administration relating to the state building code, sections 16B.59 to
3.21 16B.76; construction of low-cost manufactured home park storm shelters, section 327.205;
3.22 manufactured homes, sections 327.31 to 327.36 and 327B.01 to 327B.12; and statutory
3.23 warranties in connection with the sale of dwellings and home improvement work, chapter
3.24 327A, are transferred under section 15.039 to the commissioner of labor and industry
3.25 as amended and recodified in this chapter. The responsibilities of the commissioner of
3.26 health relating to the state plumbing code and licensing, sections 16B.61, 144.99 to
3.27 144.993, and 326.37 to 326.45, and water conditioning contractors and installers, sections
3.28 326.57 to 326.65, are transferred under section 15.039 to the commissioner of labor and
3.29 industry as amended and recodified in this chapter except for responsibilities transferred
3.30 to the Plumbing Board as expressly provided in this chapter. The responsibilities of the
3.31 commissioner of commerce relating to residential contractors, residential remodelers,
3.32 residential roofers, manufactured home installers, and the contractor's recovery fund under
3.33 sections 45.027 to 45.23 and 326.83 to 326.992 are transferred under section 15.039

4.1 to the commissioner of labor and industry as amended and recodified in this chapter.
4.2 The responsibilities of the Board of Electricity relating to the State Electrical Code and
4.3 licensing, sections 16B.61 and 326.241 to 326.248, are transferred under section 15.039
4.4 to the commissioner of labor and industry as amended and recodified in this chapter
4.5 except for responsibilities transferred to the Board of Electricity as expressly provided
4.6 in this chapter.

4.7 Subd. 2. **Transfer of Authority.** The commissioner of administration may not use
4.8 the authority under section 16B.37 to modify the transfers of authority to the Plumbing
4.9 Board, the Board of Electricity, or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems under
4.10 this chapter.

4.11 Subd. 3. **Definition of responsibilities.** For purposes of subdivision 1,
4.12 responsibilities include powers, duties, rights, obligations, and other authority imposed
4.13 by law.

4.14 Subd. 4. **State fire marshal cooperation.** The state fire marshal shall work with the
4.15 commissioner to improve the delivery of services to the public through the coordination
4.16 of services and utilization of technology.

4.17 Subd. 5. **General rulemaking authority.** The commissioner may, under the
4.18 rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and as otherwise provided by this chapter, adopt,
4.19 amend, suspend, and repeal rules relating to the commissioner's responsibilities under this
4.20 chapter, except for rules for which the rulemaking authority is expressly transferred to the
4.21 Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity, or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems.

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

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

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

4.32 Unless otherwise provided by law, all penalties assessed under this chapter, section
4.33 327.35, and chapter 327B are credited to the assigned risk safety account established
4.34 by section 79.253.

5.1 Subd. 2. **Deposits.** All remaining balances as of June 30, 2007, in the state
5.2 government special revenue fund and special revenue fund accounts maintained for
5.3 the Building Codes and Standards Division, Board of Electricity, and plumbing and
5.4 engineering unit are transferred to the construction code fund. Unless otherwise
5.5 specifically designated by law: (1) all money collected under chapter 183 and sections
5.6 16B.59 to 16B.76; 144.122, paragraph (f); 181.723; 326.241 to 326.248; 326.37 to
5.7 326.521; 326.57 to 326.65; 326.83 to 326.992; 327.31 to 327.36; and 327B.01 to
5.8 327B.12, except penalties, is credited to the construction code fund; (2) all fees collected
5.9 under section 45.23 in connection with continuing education for residential contractors,
5.10 residential remodelers, and residential roofers are credited to the construction code fund;
5.11 and (3) all penalties assessed under the sections set forth in clauses (1) and (2) and all
5.12 penalties assessed under sections 144.99 to 144.993 in connection with any violation of
5.13 sections 326.37 to 326.45 or 326.57 to 327.65 or the rules adopted under those sections
5.14 are credited to the assigned risk safety account established by section 79.253.

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

5.16 **Sec. 5. [326B.06] BONDS.**

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

5.19 **Sec. 6. [326B.075] COMMISSIONER NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA.**

5.20 The commissioner shall not be subject to subpoena for purposes of providing expert
5.21 testimony, except in an enforcement proceeding brought by the commissioner.

5.22 **Sec. 7. APPOINTMENT AND FIRST MEETING OF BOARDS.**

5.23 The governor must make the appointments to the Board of Electricity, the Plumbing
5.24 Board, and the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems no later than July 1, 2007. The
5.25 commissioner of labor and industry must convene the first meeting of each board no later
5.26 than September 1, 2007.

5.27 **ARTICLE 3**

5.28 **ENFORCEMENT**

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

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

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

6.3 Subd. 3. **Applicable law.** "Applicable law" means the provisions of sections
6.4 326B.084 to 326B.998 and 327.31 to 327.36 and chapter 327B, and all rules, orders,
6.5 stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses, registrations,
6.6 certificates, and permits adopted, issued, or enforced by the department under sections
6.7 326B.02 or 326B.084 to 326B.998 or 327.31 to 327.36 or chapter 327B.

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

6.12 Subd. 5. **Final.** "Final" when used to describe any order issued under section
6.13 326B.082 means that:

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

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

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

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

6.21 Subd. 6. **Licensing order.** "Licensing order" means an order issued under section
6.22 326B.082, subdivision 12, paragraph (a).

6.23 Subd. 7. **Minimum qualifications.** "Minimum qualifications" means the
6.24 educational, experience, fee, examination, application, and other eligibility requirements
6.25 that an applicant must meet in order to obtain a license, registration, certificate, or
6.26 permit under the applicable law. For an applicant that is not an individual, the minimum
6.27 qualifications include the requirement that an employee or other individual associated
6.28 with the applicant hold a license.

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

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

6.32 Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The commissioner may enforce all applicable
6.33 law under this section. The commissioner may use any enforcement provision in this
6.34 section, including the assessment of monetary penalties, against a person required to have
6.35 a license, registration, certificate, or permit under the applicable law based on conduct

7.1 that would provide grounds for action against a licensee, registrant, certificate holder,
7.2 or permit holder under the applicable law. The use of an enforcement provision in this
7.3 section shall not preclude the use of any other enforcement provision in this section or
7.4 otherwise provided by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7.24 (c) Upon the refusal or anticipated refusal of a property owner, lessee, property
7.25 owner's representative, or lessee's representative to permit the commissioner's entry onto
7.26 property as provided in paragraph (a), the commissioner may apply for an administrative
7.27 inspection order in the Ramsey County District Court or, at the commissioner's discretion,
7.28 in the district court in the county in which the property is located. The commissioner may
7.29 anticipate that a property owner or lessee will refuse entry if the property owner, lessee,
7.30 property owner's representative, or lessee's representative has refused to permit entry on a
7.31 prior occasion or has informed the commissioner that entry will be refused. Upon showing
7.32 of administrative probable cause by the commissioner, the district court shall issue an
7.33 administrative inspection order that compels the property owner or lessee to permit the
7.34 commissioner to enter the property for the purposes specified in paragraph (a).

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

8.4 Subd. 3. **Service.** Unless otherwise specified, service of a document on a person
8.5 under this section or section 326B.083 may be by mail, by personal service, or in
8.6 accordance with any consent to service filed with the commissioner. Service by mail shall
8.7 be accomplished in the manner provided in Minnesota Rules, part 1400.5550, subpart
8.8 2. Personal service shall be accomplished in the manner provided in Minnesota Rules,
8.9 part 1400.5550, subpart 3.

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

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

8.25 Subd. 6. **Notices of violation.** (a) The commissioner may issue a notice of violation
8.26 to any person who the commissioner determines has committed a violation of the
8.27 applicable law. The notice of violation must state a summary of the facts that constitute
8.28 the violation and the applicable law violated. The notice of violation may require the
8.29 person to correct the violation. If correction is required, the notice of violation must state
8.30 the deadline by which the violation must be corrected.

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

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

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

8.35 (c) If the person to whom the commissioner has issued the notice of violation
8.36 believes the notice was issued in error, then the person may request reconsideration of the

9.1 parts of the notice that the person believes are in error. The request for reconsideration
9.2 must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the commissioner at the address or
9.3 fax number specified in the notice of violation by the tenth day after the commissioner
9.4 issued the notice of violation. The date on which a request for reconsideration is served by
9.5 mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for reconsideration is
9.6 mailed. If the person does not serve or fax a written request for reconsideration or if the
9.7 person's written request for reconsideration is not served on or faxed to the commissioner
9.8 by the tenth day after the commissioner issued the notice of violation, the notice of
9.9 violation shall become a final order of the commissioner and will not be subject to review
9.10 by any court or agency. The request for reconsideration must:

- 9.11 (1) specify which parts of the notice of violation the person believes are in error;
9.12 (2) explain why the person believes the parts are in error; and
9.13 (3) provide documentation to support the request for reconsideration.

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

9.20 **Subd. 7. Administrative orders; correction; assessment of monetary**
9.21 **penalties.** (a) The commissioner may issue an administrative order to any person who
9.22 the commissioner determines has committed a violation of the applicable law. The
9.23 commissioner shall issue the administrative order by serving the administrative order on
9.24 the person. The administrative order may require the person to correct the violation,
9.25 may require the person to cease and desist from committing the violation, and may
9.26 assess monetary penalties. The commissioner shall follow the procedures in section
9.27 326B.083 when issuing administrative orders. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the
9.28 commissioner may issue to each person a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000 for each
9.29 violation of applicable law committed by the person. The commissioner may order that
9.30 part or all of the monetary penalty will be forgiven if the person to whom the order is
9.31 issued demonstrates to the commissioner by the 31st day after the order is issued that
9.32 the person has corrected the violation or has developed a correction plan acceptable to
9.33 the commissioner.

9.34 (b) The commissioner may issue an administrative order for failure to correct a
9.35 violation by the deadline stated in a final administrative order issued under paragraph (a).

10.1 Each day after the deadline during which the violation remains uncorrected is a separate
10.2 violation for purposes of calculating the maximum monetary penalty amount.

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

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

10.25 (b) All written arguments must be submitted within ten days following the close of
10.26 the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted under Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8510 to
10.27 1400.8612, as modified by this subdivision. The Office of Administrative Hearings may, in
10.28 consultation with the agency, adopt rules specifically applicable to cases under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11.30 (d) A stop order shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13.17 (7) retaliated in any manner against any employee or person who is questioned by,
13.18 cooperates with, or provides information to the commissioner or an employee or agent
13.19 authorized by the commissioner who seeks access to property or things under subdivision
13.20 2;

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

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

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

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

14.1 Subd. 12. Issuance of licensing orders; hearings related to licensing orders.

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

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

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

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

14.26 Subd. 13. Summary suspension. In any case where the commissioner has
14.27 issued an order to revoke or suspend a license, registration, certificate, or permit under
14.28 subdivision 12, the commissioner may summarily suspend the person's permit, license,
14.29 registration, or certificate before the order becomes final. The commissioner shall issue a
14.30 summary suspension order when the safety of life or property is threatened or to prevent
14.31 the commission of fraudulent, deceptive, untrustworthy, or dishonest acts against the
14.32 public. The summary suspension shall not affect the deadline for submitting a request
14.33 for hearing under subdivision 12. If the commissioner summarily suspends a person's
14.34 permit, license, registration, or certificate, a timely request for hearing submitted under
14.35 subdivision 12 shall also be considered a timely request for hearing on continuation of
14.36 the summary suspension. If the commissioner summarily suspends a person's permit,

15.1 license, registration, or certificate under this subdivision and the person submits a timely
15.2 request for a hearing, then a hearing on continuation of the summary suspension must be
15.3 held within ten days after the commissioner receives the request for hearing unless the
15.4 parties agree to a later date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15.28 (b) An administrative order may include a requirement that the violation be
15.29 corrected. If the order includes a requirement that the violation be corrected, then the
15.30 order must include, in addition to any statements required under paragraphs (a) and (c),
15.31 the deadline by which the violation must be corrected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16.26 (c) This paragraph applies if an administrative order or a licensing order includes a
16.27 penalty assessment and if the person subject to the order has requested a hearing. The
16.28 administrative law judge may not recommend a change in the amount of the penalty if
16.29 the penalty was assessed in accordance with a plan prepared under section 326B.082,
16.30 subdivision 14. If the commissioner has not prepared a plan under section 326B.082,
16.31 subdivision 14, then the administrative law judge may not recommend a change in the
16.32 amount of the penalty unless the administrative law judge determines that, based on the
16.33 factors in section 14.045, subdivision 3, the amount of the penalty is unreasonable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17.17 **ARTICLE 4**17.18 **BUILDING CODE**

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

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

- 17.22 (1) supervise, control, review, and approve all state contracts and purchasing;
 17.23 (2) provide agencies with supplies and equipment and operate all central store or
 17.24 supply rooms serving more than one agency;
 17.25 (3) investigate and study the management and organization of agencies, and
 17.26 reorganize them when necessary to ensure their effective and efficient operation;
 17.27 (4) manage and control state property, real and personal;
 17.28 (5) maintain and operate all state buildings, as described in section 16B.24,
 17.29 subdivision 1;
 17.30 (6) supervise, control, review, and approve all capital improvements to state
 17.31 buildings and the capitol building and grounds;
 17.32 (7) provide central duplicating, printing, and mail facilities;
 17.33 (8) oversee publication of official documents and provide for their sale;

18.1 (9) manage and operate parking facilities for state employees and a central motor
 18.2 pool for travel on state business; and
 18.3 ~~(10) establish and administer a State Building Code; and~~
 18.4 ~~(11)~~ (10) provide rental space within the capitol complex for a private day care
 18.5 center for children of state employees. The commissioner shall contract for services as
 18.6 provided in this chapter. The commissioner shall report back to the legislature by October
 18.7 1, 1984, with the recommendation to implement the private day care operation.

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

18.9 Subd. 4. **Code.** "Code" means the State Building Code adopted by the commissioner
 18.10 of labor and industry in consultation with each industry board and the Construction Codes
 18.11 Advisory Council in accordance with sections 16B.59 to 16B.75.

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

18.13 Subd. 7. ~~**Physically disabled Person with a disability.** "Physically disabled" means~~
 18.14 ~~having sight disabilities, hearing disabilities, disabilities of incoordination, disabilities~~
 18.15 ~~of aging, or other disabilities that significantly reduce mobility, flexibility, coordination,~~
 18.16 ~~or perceptiveness.~~ "Person with a disability" or "persons with disabilities" includes
 18.17 people who have a vision disability, a hearing disability, a disability of coordination, a
 18.18 disability of aging, or any other disability that significantly reduces mobility, flexibility,
 18.19 coordination, or perceptiveness.

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

18.21 Subd. 8. **Remodeling.** "Remodeling" means deliberate reconstruction of an existing
 18.22 public building in whole or in part in order to bring it ~~up to date in~~ into conformity with
 18.23 present uses of the structure and to which other rules on the upgrading of health and
 18.24 safety provisions are applicable.

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

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

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

19.2 **16B.61 GENERAL POWERS OF COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND**
19.3 **INDUSTRY.**

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

19.23 The commissioner shall develop rules addressing the plan review fee assessed
19.24 to similar buildings without significant modifications including provisions for use of
19.25 building systems as specified in the industrial/modular program specified in section
19.26 16B.75. Additional plan review fees associated with similar plans must be based on costs
19.27 commensurate with the direct and indirect costs of the service.

19.28 Subd. 1a. **Administration by commissioner.** The commissioner shall administer
19.29 and enforce the State Building Code as a municipality with respect to public buildings and
19.30 state licensed facilities in the state. The commissioner shall establish appropriate permit,
19.31 plan review, ~~and inspection fees, and surcharges~~ for public buildings and state licensed
19.32 facilities. ~~Fees and surcharges for public buildings and state licensed facilities must be~~
19.33 ~~remitted to the commissioner, who shall deposit them in the state treasury for credit to~~
19.34 ~~the special revenue fund.~~

19.35 Municipalities other than the state having an agreement with the commissioner
19.36 for code administration and enforcement service for public buildings and state licensed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22.18 ~~(m)~~ **(l) Bioprocess piping and equipment.** No permit fee for bioprocess piping may
22.19 be imposed by municipalities under the State Building Code, except as required under
22.20 section 326.47, subdivision 1. Permits for bioprocess piping shall be according to section
22.21 326.47 administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. All data regarding the
22.22 material production processes, including the bioprocess system's structural design and
22.23 layout, are nonpublic data as provided by section 13.7911.

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

22.28 Subd. 4. **Review of plans for public buildings and state licensed facilities.**
22.29 Construction or remodeling may not begin on any public building or state licensed facility
22.30 until the plans and specifications have been approved by the commissioner or municipality
22.31 under contractual agreement pursuant to subdivision 1a. The plans and specifications must
22.32 be submitted for review, and within 30 days after receipt of the plans and specifications,
22.33 the commissioner or municipality under contractual agreement shall notify the submitting
22.34 authority of any corrections.

22.35 Subd. 5. **Accessibility.** (a) **Public buildings.** The code must provide for making
22.36 public buildings constructed or remodeled after July 1, 1963, accessible to and usable by

23.1 ~~physically disabled~~ persons with disabilities, although this does not require the remodeling
23.2 of public buildings solely to provide accessibility and usability to ~~the physically disabled~~
23.3 persons with disabilities when remodeling would not otherwise be undertaken.

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

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

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

23.27 (e) **Symbol indicating access.** The wheelchair symbol adopted by Rehabilitation
23.28 International's Eleventh World Congress is the state symbol indicating buildings, facilities,
23.29 and grounds which are accessible to and usable by ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities. In
23.30 the interests of uniformity, this symbol is the sole symbol for display in or on all public
23.31 or private buildings, facilities, and grounds which qualify for its use. The secretary of
23.32 state shall obtain the symbol and keep it on file. No building, facility, or grounds may
23.33 display the symbol unless it is in compliance with the rules adopted by the commissioner
23.34 under subdivision 1. Before any rules are proposed for adoption under this paragraph,
23.35 the commissioner shall consult with the Council on Disability. Rules adopted under this

24.1 paragraph must be enforced in the same way as other accessibility rules of the State
24.2 Building Code.

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

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

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

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

24.29 Subd. 8. **Separate metering for electric service.** The standards concerning heat
24.30 loss, illumination, and climate control adopted pursuant to subdivision 1, shall require
24.31 that electrical service to individual dwelling units in buildings containing two or more
24.32 units be separately metered, with individual metering readily accessible to the individual
24.33 occupants. The standards authorized by this subdivision shall only apply to buildings
24.34 constructed after the effective date of the amended standards. Buildings intended for
24.35 occupancy primarily by persons who are 62 years of age or older or disabled, or which

25.1 contain a majority of units not equipped with complete kitchen facilities, shall be exempt
 25.2 from the provisions of this subdivision.

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

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

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

25.10 **16B.617 ENERGY CODE RULES REMAIN IN EFFECT.**

25.11 (a) Notwithstanding Laws 1999, chapter 135, section 9, Minnesota Rules, chapter
 25.12 7670, does not expire on April 15, 2000, but remains in effect for residential buildings not
 25.13 covered by Minnesota Rules, chapter 7676. The provisions of Minnesota Rules, chapter
 25.14 7670, that apply to category 1 buildings govern new, detached single one- and two-family
 25.15 R-3 occupancy residential buildings. All new, detached single one- and two-family R-3
 25.16 occupancy buildings subject to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7670, submitting an application
 25.17 for a building permit after April 14, 2000, must meet the requirements for category 1
 25.18 buildings, as set out in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7670.

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

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

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

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

25.32 **16B.6175 ENERGY CODE.**

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

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

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

26.14 **16B.63 STATE BUILDING OFFICIAL.**

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

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

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

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

26.33 Subd. 5. **Interpretative authority.** To achieve uniform and consistent application
26.34 of the State Building Code, the ~~state building official~~ commissioner has final interpretative
26.35 authority applicable to all codes adopted as part of the State Building Code except for the

27.1 Plumbing Code and the Electrical Code ~~when enforced by the State Board of Electricity.~~
 27.2 A final interpretative committee composed of seven members, consisting of three
 27.3 building officials, two inspectors from the affected field, and two construction industry
 27.4 representatives, shall review requests for final interpretations relating to that field. ~~A~~
 27.5 request for which the commissioner has final interpretative authority. The Plumbing Board
 27.6 has final interpretative authority applicable to the State Plumbing Code and shall review
 27.7 requests for final interpretation made to the board that relate to the State Plumbing Code.
 27.8 The Board of Electricity has final interpretative authority applicable to the State Electrical
 27.9 Code and shall review requests for final interpretation made to the board that relate to the
 27.10 State Electrical Code. The Board of High Pressure Piping Systems has final interpretative
 27.11 authority applicable to the State High Pressure Piping Code and shall review requests
 27.12 for final interpretation made to the board that relate to the State High Pressure Piping
 27.13 Code. Except for requests for final interpretations that relate to the State Plumbing Code,
 27.14 the State Electrical Code, and the State High Pressure Piping Code, requests for final
 27.15 interpretation must come from a local or state level building code board of appeals. The
 27.16 state building official commissioner must establish procedures for membership of the final
 27.17 interpretative committees. The appropriate committee shall review the request and make
 27.18 a recommendation to the state building official commissioner for the final interpretation
 27.19 within 30 days of the request. The state building official commissioner must issue an final
 27.20 interpretation within ten business days from after the receipt of the recommendation from
 27.21 the review final interpretive committee. A The Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity,
 27.22 or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems shall review a request and issue a final
 27.23 interpretation within 30 days of the request. Any person aggrieved by a final interpretation
 27.24 may be appealed appeal the interpretation within 30 days of its issuance to by the
 27.25 commissioner under section 16B.67 or the board in accordance with chapter 14. The
 27.26 final interpretation must be published within ten business days of its issuance and made
 27.27 available to the public. Municipal building officials shall administer all final interpretations
 27.28 issued by the state building official commissioner, the Plumbing Board, the Board of
 27.29 Electricity, or the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems until the final interpretations
 27.30 are considered by the commissioner, the Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity, or the
 27.31 Board of High Pressure Piping Systems for adoption as part of the State Building Code,
 27.32 State Plumbing Code, State Electrical Code, and the State High Pressure Piping Code.

27.33 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.64, is amended by adding a subdivision
 27.34 to read:

28.1 Subd. 8. **Effective date of rules.** A rule to adopt or amend the state's building code
 28.2 is effective 180 days after the filing of the rule with the secretary of state under section
 28.3 14.16 or 14.26. The rule may provide for a different effective date if the commissioner or
 28.4 board proposing the rule finds that a different effective date is necessary to protect public
 28.5 health and safety after considering, among other things, the need for time for training of
 28.6 individuals to comply with and enforce the rule.

28.7 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.65, is amended to read:

28.8 **16B.65 BUILDING OFFICIALS.**

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

28.20 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** A building official, to be eligible for designation, must
 28.21 be certified and have the experience in design, construction, and supervision which
 28.22 the commissioner deems necessary and must be generally informed on the quality and
 28.23 strength of building materials, accepted building construction requirements, and the nature
 28.24 of equipment and needs conducive to the safety, comfort, and convenience of building
 28.25 occupants. No person may be designated as a building official for a municipality unless
 28.26 the commissioner determines that the official is qualified as provided in subdivision 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29.18 Subd. 5. **Oversight committee.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a Code
 29.19 Administration Oversight Committee ~~to evaluate, mediate, and that will, at the~~
 29.20 ~~commissioner's request,~~ recommend to the commissioner ~~any administrative action,~~
 29.21 ~~penalty, suspension, or revocation with respect~~ appropriate action pursuant to section
 29.22 326B.82, in response to complaints filed with or information received or obtained by the
 29.23 commissioner alleging or indicating that supports a finding that: (1) an individual has
 29.24 engaged in, or is about to engage in, the unauthorized performance of official the duties
 29.25 of a certified building official or the unauthorized use of the title certified building official;
 29.26 title; or a violation of (2) a certified building official has violated a statute, rule, stipulation,
 29.27 agreement, settlement, compliance agreement, cease and desist agreement, or order that
 29.28 the commissioner has adopted, issued, or is empowered has the authority to enforce and
 29.29 that is related to the duties of a certified building official.

29.30 (b) The committee ~~consists~~ shall consist of six members. One member shall be the
 29.31 commissioner's designee and five members shall be certified building officials; who are
 29.32 appointed by the commissioner. At least two of whom the appointed certified building
 29.33 officials must be from nonmetropolitan counties. For the committee members must be
 29.34 compensated according to who are not state officials or employees, their compensation
 29.35 and removal from the oversight committee is governed by section 15.059, subdivision 3.
 29.36 The commissioner's designee shall ~~act as an ex-officio member of the oversight committee~~

30.1 serve as the chair of the oversight committee and shall not vote. The terms of the appointed
 30.2 members of the oversight committee shall be four years. The terms of three of the
 30.3 appointed members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining
 30.4 two appointed members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms
 30.5 of the other appointed members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. The
 30.6 committee is not subject to the expiration provisions of section 15.059, subdivision 5.

30.7 ~~(b)~~ (c) If the commissioner ~~has a reasonable basis to believe~~ determines that
 30.8 ~~a person~~ an individual has engaged in ~~an act or practice constituting~~ the unauthorized
 30.9 performance of ~~official~~ the duties; ~~of a certified building official or the unauthorized use~~
 30.10 ~~of the title certified building official title, or that a violation of certified building official~~
 30.11 ~~has violated~~ a statute, rule, stipulation, agreement, settlement, compliance agreement,
 30.12 cease and desist agreement, or order that the commissioner has adopted, issued, or is
 30.13 ~~empowered~~ authorized to enforce that is related to the duties of a certified building official,
 30.14 the commissioner may ~~proceed with take~~ take administrative actions ~~or penalties as described~~
 30.15 ~~in subdivision 5a or suspension or revocation as described in subdivision 5b. against the~~
 30.16 individual pursuant to section 326B.082, subdivisions 7 and 11.

30.17 ~~Subd. 5a. **Administrative action and penalties.** The commissioner shall, by rule,~~
 30.18 ~~establish a graduated schedule of administrative actions for violations of sections 16B.59~~
 30.19 ~~to 16B.75 and rules adopted under those sections. The schedule must be based on and~~
 30.20 ~~reflect the culpability, frequency, and severity of the violator's actions. The commissioner~~
 30.21 ~~may impose a penalty from the schedule on a certification holder for a violation of sections~~
 30.22 ~~16B.59 to 16B.75 and rules adopted under those sections. The penalty is in addition to~~
 30.23 ~~any criminal penalty imposed for the same violation. Administrative monetary penalties~~
 30.24 ~~imposed by the commissioner must be paid to the special revenue fund.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31.10 **Subd. 6. Vacancies.** In the event that a designated building official position is
31.11 vacant within a municipality, that municipality shall designate a certified building official
31.12 to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. The commissioner must be notified of any vacancy
31.13 or designation in writing within 15 days. If the municipality fails to designate a certified
31.14 building official within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the state building official
31.15 may provide state employees to serve that function as provided in subdivision 1 until the
31.16 municipality makes a temporary or permanent designation. Municipalities must not issue
31.17 permits without a designated certified building official.

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

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

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

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

31.32 (b) If the commissioner has not issued a notice of denial of application for a
31.33 certificate holder and if the certificate holder has properly and timely filed a fully completed
31.34 renewal application, then the certificate holder may continue to engage in building official
31.35 activities whether or not the renewed certificate has been received. Applications must be
31.36 made on a form approved by the commissioner. Each application for renewal must be

32.1 fully completed, and be accompanied by proof of the satisfactory completion of minimum
32.2 continuing education requirements and the certification renewal fee established by the
32.3 commissioner. Applications are timely if received prior to the expiration of the most
32.4 recently issued certificate. An application for renewal that does not contain all of the
32.5 information requested is an incomplete application and will not be accepted.

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

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

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

32.13 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.70, is amended to read:

32.14 **16B.70 SURCHARGE.**

32.15 Subdivision 1. **Computation.** To defray the costs of administering sections
32.16 16B.59 to 16B.76, a surcharge is imposed on all permits issued by municipalities in
32.17 connection with the construction of or addition or alteration to buildings and equipment or
32.18 appurtenances after June 30, 1971. The commissioner may use any surplus in surcharge
32.19 receipts to award grants for code research and development and education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33.3 Subd. 2. **Collection and reports.** All permit surcharges must be collected by each
33.4 municipality and a portion of them remitted to the state. Each municipality having a
33.5 population greater than 20,000 people shall prepare and submit to the commissioner once
33.6 a month a report of fees and surcharges on fees collected during the previous month
33.7 but shall retain the greater of two percent or that amount collected up to \$25 to apply
33.8 against the administrative expenses the municipality incurs in collecting the surcharges.
33.9 All other municipalities shall submit the report and surcharges on fees once a quarter
33.10 but shall retain the greater of four percent or that amount collected up to \$25 to apply
33.11 against the administrative expenses the municipalities incur in collecting the surcharges.
33.12 The report, which must be in a form prescribed by the commissioner, must be submitted
33.13 together with a remittance covering the surcharges collected by the 15th day following
33.14 the month or quarter in which the surcharges are collected. ~~All money collected by the
33.15 commissioner through surcharges and other fees prescribed by sections 16B.59 to 16B.75
33.16 shall be deposited in the state government special revenue fund and is appropriated to the
33.17 commissioner for the purpose of administering and enforcing the State Building Code
33.18 under sections 16B.59 to 16B.75.~~

33.19 Subd. 3. **Revenue to equal costs.** Revenue received from the surcharge imposed
33.20 in subdivision 1 should approximately equal the cost, including the overhead cost, of
33.21 administering sections 16B.59 to 16B.75. By November 30 each year, the commissioner
33.22 must report to the commissioner of finance and to the legislature on changes in the
33.23 surcharge imposed in subdivision 1 needed to comply with this policy. In making this
33.24 report, the commissioner must assume that the services associated with administering
33.25 sections 16B.59 to 16B.75 will continue to be provided at the same level provided during
33.26 the fiscal year in which the report is made.

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

33.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.72, is amended to read:

33.29 **16B.72 REFERENDA ON STATE BUILDING CODE IN**
33.30 **NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES.**

33.31 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a county that is not a
33.32 metropolitan county as defined by section 473.121, subdivision 4, may provide, by a vote
33.33 of the majority of its electors residing outside of municipalities that have adopted the State
33.34 Building Code before January 1, 1977, that no part of the State Building Code except the

34.1 building requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities, the requirements for bleacher
 34.2 safety, and the requirements for elevator safety applies within its jurisdiction.

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

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

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

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

34.17 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.73, is amended to read:

34.18 **16B.73 STATE BUILDING CODE IN MUNICIPALITIES UNDER 2,500;**
 34.19 **LOCAL OPTION.**

34.20 The governing body of a municipality whose population is less than 2,500 may
 34.21 provide that the State Building Code, except the requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with
 34.22 disabilities, the requirements for bleacher safety, and the requirements for elevator
 34.23 safety, will not apply within the jurisdiction of the municipality, if the municipality is
 34.24 located in whole or in part within a county exempted from its application under section
 34.25 16B.72. If more than one municipality has jurisdiction over an area, the State Building
 34.26 Code continues to apply unless all municipalities having jurisdiction over the area have
 34.27 provided that the State Building Code, except the requirements for ~~disabled~~ persons with
 34.28 disabilities, the requirements for bleacher safety, and the requirements for elevator safety,
 34.29 does not apply within their respective jurisdictions. Nothing in this section precludes a
 34.30 municipality or town from adopting and enforcing by ordinance or other legal means the
 34.31 State Building Code within its jurisdiction.

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

34.33 **16B.735 ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ~~DISABLED~~**
 34.34 **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

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

35.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

35.7 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** ~~As used in~~ For the purposes of sections 16B.61,
35.8 16B.72, 16B.73, and 16B.74 to ~~16B.746~~ 16B.748 the terms "~~passenger or freight elevator,~~"
35.9 "~~automatic operation~~" and "~~continuous pressure operation~~" defined in this section shall
35.10 have the ~~following~~ meanings given them.

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

35.12 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16B.74, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

35.19 **Subd. 7. Elevator inspection.** "Elevator inspection" means an examination of
35.20 elevator installations, repairs, alterations, removal, and construction for compliance with
35.21 the State Building Code that may include witnessing tests performed on elevators by
35.22 elevator personnel, performing tests on elevators, or an audit of records related to routine
35.23 and periodic maintenance and testing, or any combination thereof when performed by the
35.24 department or a municipality authorized to perform such inspections.

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

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

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

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

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

36.3 **16B.741 ELEVATOR ~~AVAILABLE FOR~~ INSPECTION AND REPORTING.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36.24 (a) the location of each elevator;

36.25 (b) the type of each elevator; and

36.26 (c) the date the elevator was installed.

36.27 Subd. 4. **Definition.** As used in this section, "elevator" is as defined in section
 36.28 16B.74, subdivision 5.

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

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

36.31 **16B.744 ELEVATORS, ENTRANCES SEALED.**

36.32 It shall be the duty of the department of ~~Administration~~ and the licensing authority
 36.33 of any municipality which adopts any such ordinance whenever it finds any such elevator

37.1 under its jurisdiction in use in violation of any provision of sections 16B.74 to 16B.745 to
37.2 seal the entrances of such elevator and attach a notice forbidding the use of such elevator
37.3 until the provisions thereof are complied with.

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

37.5 Subdivision 1. **Removal of seal.** No person, firm, or corporation may remove any
37.6 seal or notice forbidding the use of an elevator, except by authority of the department of
37.7 ~~Administration~~ or the licensing authority having jurisdiction over the elevator, or operate
37.8 an elevator after a notice has been attached forbidding its use, unless the notice has been
37.9 removed by authority of the department of ~~Administration~~ or the licensing authority
37.10 having jurisdiction over the elevator.

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

37.12 Subd. 4. **Penalties.** The commissioner of ~~administration~~ shall administer sections
37.13 16B.74 to 16B.749. In addition to the remedies provided for violations of this chapter,
37.14 the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 for a violation of any
37.15 provision of sections 16B.74 to 16B.749.

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

37.17 **16B.747 FEES FOR LICENSURE AND ~~INSPECTION~~ PERMIT.**

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

37.23 Subd. 1a. **Annual operating permit.** No person may operate an elevator without
37.24 first obtaining an annual operating permit from the department or a municipality
37.25 authorized by subdivision 3 to issue annual operating permits. A \$100 annual operating
37.26 permit fee must be paid to the department for each annual operating permit issued by the
37.27 department, except that the original annual operating permit must be included in the
37.28 permit fee for the initial installation of the elevator. Annual operating permits must be
37.29 issued at 12-month intervals from the date of the initial annual operating permit. For each
37.30 subsequent year, an owner must be granted an annual operating permit for the elevator
37.31 upon the owner's or owner's agent's submission of a form prescribed by the commissioner
37.32 and payment of the \$100 fee. Each form must include the location of the elevator, the
37.33 results of any periodic test required by the code, and any other criteria established by rule.

38.1 An annual operating permit may be revoked by the commissioner upon an audit of the
 38.2 periodic testing results submitted with the application or a failure to comply with elevator
 38.3 code requirements, inspections, or any other law related to elevators.

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

38.7 Subd. 3. **Permissive municipal regulation.** A municipality may conduct a system
 38.8 of elevator inspection in conformity with this chapter, State Building Code requirements,
 38.9 and adopted rules that includes the inspection of elevator installation, repair, alteration,
 38.10 and removal, construction, ~~and the~~ routine and periodic inspection and testing of existing
 38.11 elevators, and the issuance of annual operating permits. The municipality shall employ
 38.12 inspectors meeting the minimum requirements established by Minnesota Rules to perform
 38.13 the inspections and to witness the tests. A municipality may establish and retain its own
 38.14 fees for inspection of elevators and related devices in its jurisdiction. A municipality may
 38.15 establish and retain its own fees for issuance of annual operating permits for elevators
 38.16 in its jurisdiction. A municipality may not adopt standards that do not conform to the
 38.17 uniform standards prescribed by the department.

38.18 If the commissioner determines that a municipality is not properly administering
 38.19 and enforcing the law, rules, and codes, the commissioner shall have the inspection,
 38.20 administration, and enforcement undertaken by a qualified inspector employed by the
 38.21 department.

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

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

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

38.26 **16B.748 RULES.**

38.27 The commissioner may adopt rules for the following purposes:

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

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

38.33 ~~(2)~~ (3) to establish criteria for the qualifications of elevator contractors;

39.1 ~~(3)~~ (4) to establish elevator standards under sections 16B.61, subdivisions 1 and
39.2 2, and 16B.64;

39.3 ~~(4)~~ (5) to establish procedures for appeals of decisions of the commissioner under
39.4 chapter 14 and procedures allowing the commissioner, before issuing a decision, to seek
39.5 advice from the elevator trade, building owners or managers, and others knowledgeable in
39.6 the installation, construction, and repair of elevators; and

39.7 ~~(5)~~ (6) to establish requirements for the registration of all elevators.

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

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

39.10 **16B.76 CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

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

39.13 (1) the commissioner ~~of administration~~ or the commissioner's designee representing
39.14 the department's ~~Building Codes and Standards~~ Construction Codes and Licensing
39.15 Division;

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

39.18 ~~(3)~~ (2) the commissioner of public safety or the ~~commissioner's~~ commissioner of
39.19 public safety's designee representing the ~~department's~~ Department of Public Safety's State
39.20 Fire Marshal Division;

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

39.23 ~~(5)~~ (3) one member representing, appointed by the commissioner, engaged in each
39.24 of the following occupations or entities, appointed by the commissioner of administration
39.25 or industries:

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

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

39.28 (iii) ~~a licensed architect~~ architects;

39.29 (iv) ~~a licensed engineer~~ professional engineers;

39.30 (v) ~~a building owners and managers representative~~ commercial building owners
39.31 and managers;

39.32 (vi) ~~a the licensed residential building contractor~~ industry;

39.33 (vii) ~~a the commercial building contractor~~ industry;

39.34 (viii) ~~a the heating and ventilation contractor~~ industry;

40.1 (ix) a member of the Plumbing contractor Board;

40.2 (x) a ~~representative of a construction and building trades union; and~~ member of
40.3 the Board of Electricity;

40.4 ~~(xi) a local unit of government representative.~~ (xi) a member of the Board of High
40.5 Pressure Piping Systems;

40.6 (xii) the boiler industry;

40.7 (xiii) the manufactured housing industry;

40.8 (xiv) public utility suppliers;

40.9 (xv) the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council; and

40.10 (xvi) local units of government.

40.11 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's
40.12 Construction Codes and Licensing Division shall serve as chair of the advisory council.

40.13 For members who are not state officials or employees, ~~terms, compensation; and removal;~~

40.14 ~~and the filling of vacancies~~ of members of the advisory council are governed by section

40.15 15.059. ~~The council shall select one of its members to serve as chair. The terms of the~~

40.16 members of the advisory council shall be four years. The terms of eight of the appointed

40.17 members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining nine

40.18 appointed members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms of

40.19 the other appointed members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. Each

40.20 council member shall appoint an alternate to serve in their absence. The committee is not

40.21 subject to the expiration provision of section 15.059, subdivision 5.

40.22 ~~(c) The council expires June 30, 2003.~~

40.23 Subd. 2. **Duties of council.** The council shall review laws, codes, rules, standards,
40.24 and licensing requirements relating to building construction and may:

40.25 (1) recommend ways to eliminate inconsistencies, to streamline construction
40.26 regulation and construction ~~processes~~ procedures, and to improve procedures within
40.27 and among jurisdictions;

40.28 (2) review and comment on current and proposed laws and rules to promote
40.29 coordination and consistency;

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

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

40.34 The council shall meet a minimum of four times each year. The council shall
40.35 report its findings and recommendations to the commissioner ~~of administration and~~
40.36 ~~the head of any other affected agency by the end of each calendar year.~~ The council

41.1 ~~may shall~~ recommend changes in laws or rules governing building construction. The
41.2 council ~~may shall~~ establish subcommittees to facilitate its work. If the council establishes
41.3 subcommittees, it shall include in their memberships representation from entities and
41.4 organizations expressing an interest in membership. The commissioner ~~of administration~~
41.5 shall maintain a list of interested entities and organizations.

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

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

41.11 **326.992 BOND REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTORS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

41.30 Subd. 3. **Manufactured Home Building Code.** "Manufactured Home Building
41.31 Code" means, for manufactured homes manufactured after July 1, 1972, and prior to June
41.32 15, 1976, the standards code promulgated by the American National Standards Institute

42.1 and identified as ANSI A119.1, including all revisions thereof in effect on May 21, 1971,
42.2 or the provisions of the National Fire Protection Association and identified as NFPA 501B,
42.3 and further revisions adopted by the commissioner of labor and industry.

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

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

42.9 Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of
42.10 ~~administration~~ labor and industry.

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

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

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

42.15 Subd. 7. **Person.** "Person" means ~~a person, partnership, corporation or other legal~~
42.16 ~~entity~~ any individual, limited liability company, corporation, partnership, incorporated
42.17 or unincorporated association, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, or any other
42.18 legal or commercial entity.

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

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

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

42.23 Subd. 8. **Evidence of compliance.** Each manufacturer, distributor, and dealer
42.24 shall establish and maintain records, make reports, and provide information as the
42.25 commissioner or the secretary may reasonably require to be able to determine whether
42.26 the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer has acted or is acting in compliance with sections
42.27 327.31 to 327.35, and shall, upon request of a person duly designated by the commissioner
42.28 or the secretary, permit that person to inspect appropriate books, papers, records, and
42.29 documents relevant to determining whether that manufacturer, distributor, or dealer
42.30 has acted or is acting in compliance with sections 327.31 to 327.35, and the National
42.31 Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States

43.1 Code, title 42, section 5401, et seq., as amended by the National Manufactured Housing
43.2 Construction and Safety Standards Act, Title VI, Manufactured Housing Improvement
43.3 Act of 2000, or other applicable federal or state law.

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

43.5 Subd. 2. **Fees.** The commissioner shall by rule establish reasonable fees for seals,
43.6 installation seals and inspections which are sufficient to cover all costs incurred in the
43.7 administration of sections 327.31 to 327.35. The commissioner shall also establish by
43.8 rule a monitoring inspection fee in an amount that will comply with the secretary's fee
43.9 distribution program. This monitoring inspection fee shall be an amount paid by the
43.10 manufacturer for each manufactured home produced in Minnesota. The monitoring
43.11 inspection fee shall be paid by the manufacturer to the secretary. The rules of the
43.12 fee distribution program require the secretary to distribute the fees collected from all
43.13 manufactured home manufacturers among states approved and conditionally approved
43.14 based on the number of new manufactured homes whose first location after leaving the
43.15 manufacturer is on the premises of a distributor, dealer or purchaser in that state. ~~All~~
43.16 ~~money collected by the commissioner through fees prescribed by sections 327.31 to~~
43.17 ~~327.36 shall be deposited in the state government special revenue fund and is appropriated~~
43.18 ~~to the commissioner for the purpose of administering and enforcing the Manufactured~~
43.19 ~~Home Building Code under sections 327.31 to 327.36.~~

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

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

43.22 Subd. 6. **Authorization as agency.** The commissioner shall apply to the secretary
43.23 for approval of the commissioner as the administrative agency for the regulation of
43.24 manufactured homes under the rules of the secretary. The commissioner may make
43.25 rules for the administration and enforcement of department responsibilities as a state
43.26 administrative agency including, but not limited to, rules for the handling of citizen's
43.27 complaints. All money received for services provided by the commissioner or the
43.28 department's authorized agents as a state administrative agency shall be deposited in
43.29 the ~~general~~ construction code fund. The commissioner is charged with the adoption,
43.30 administration, and enforcement of the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety
43.31 Standards, consistent with rules and regulations promulgated by the United States
43.32 Department of Housing and Urban Development. The commissioner may adopt the
43.33 rules, codes, and standards necessary to enforce the standards promulgated under this
43.34 section. The commissioner is authorized to conduct hearings and presentations of views

44.1 consistent with regulations adopted by the United States Department of Housing and
44.2 Urban Development and to adopt rules in order to carry out this function.

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

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

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

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

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

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

44.14 Subdivision 1. **Civil Monetary penalty.** Notwithstanding the penalty amount of
44.15 section 326B.082, subdivisions 7 and 12, any person who violates any provision of this
44.16 section is liable to the state of Minnesota for a civil monetary penalty of not to exceed
44.17 \$1,000 for each offense violation. Each violation involving a separate manufactured home
44.18 or involving a separate failure or refusal to allow or perform any act required by this
44.19 section constitutes a separate offense violation, except that the maximum civil monetary
44.20 penalties for any related series of violations occurring within one year from the date of the
44.21 first violation may not exceed \$1,000,000.

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

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

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

44.28 Subd. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of
44.29 ~~administration~~ labor and industry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46.20 (a) the applicant has a permanent, established place of business at each licensed
46.21 location. An "established place of business" means a permanent enclosed building other
46.22 than a residence, or a commercial office space, either owned by the applicant or leased by
46.23 the applicant for a term of at least one year, located in an area where zoning regulations
46.24 allow commercial activity, and where the books, records and files necessary to conduct
46.25 the business are kept and maintained. The owner of a licensed manufactured home park
46.26 who resides in or adjacent to the park may use the residence as the established place of
46.27 business required by this subdivision, unless prohibited by local zoning ordinance.

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

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

47.1 (c) the applicant has secured: (1) a surety bond in the amount of \$20,000 for the
 47.2 agency and each subagency location that bears the applicant's name and the name under
 47.3 which the applicant will be licensed and do business in this state. Each bond is for the
 47.4 protection of consumer customers, and must be executed by the applicant as principal and
 47.5 issued by a surety company admitted to do business in this state. ~~The~~ Each bond shall be
 47.6 exclusively for the purpose of reimbursing consumer customers and shall be conditioned
 47.7 upon the faithful compliance by the applicant with all of the laws and rules of this state
 47.8 pertaining to the applicant's business as a dealer or manufacturer, including sections
 47.9 325D.44, 325F.67 and 325F.69, and upon the applicant's faithful performance of all its
 47.10 legal obligations to consumer customers; and (2) a certificate of liability insurance in the
 47.11 amount of \$1,000,000 that provides coverage for the agency and each subagency location;

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

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

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

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

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

47.23 Subd. 7. **Fees; licenses; when granted.** Each application for a license or license
 47.24 renewal must be accompanied by a fee in an amount established by the commissioner
 47.25 by rule pursuant to section 327B.10. The fees shall be set in an amount which over
 47.26 the fiscal biennium will produce revenues approximately equal to the expenses which
 47.27 the commissioner expects to incur during that fiscal biennium while administering and
 47.28 enforcing sections 327B.01 to 327B.12. ~~All money collected by the commissioner~~
 47.29 ~~through fees prescribed in sections 327B.01 to 327B.12 shall be deposited in the state~~
 47.30 ~~government special revenue fund and is appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of~~
 47.31 ~~administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter.~~ The commissioner shall grant
 47.32 or deny a license application or a renewal application within 60 days of its filing. If the
 47.33 license is granted, the commissioner shall license the applicant as a dealer or manufacturer

48.1 for the remainder of the calendar year. Upon application by the licensee, the commissioner
48.2 shall renew the license for a two year period, if:

48.3 (a) the renewal application satisfies the requirements of subdivisions 3 and 4;

48.4 (b) the renewal applicant has made all listings, registrations, notices and reports
48.5 required by the commissioner during the preceding year; and

48.6 (c) the renewal applicant has paid all fees owed pursuant to sections 327B.01 to
48.7 327B.12 and all taxes, arrearages, and penalties owed to the state.

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

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

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

48.19 (1) receipt of an application on forms provided by the commissioner containing
48.20 the following information:

48.21 (i) the identity of the applicant;

48.22 (ii) the name under which the applicant will be licensed and do business in this state;

48.23 (iii) the name and address of the owned manufactured home park, including a copy
48.24 of the park license, serving as the basis for the issuance of the license; ~~and~~

48.25 (iv) the name, home, and business address of the applicant;

48.26 (v) the name, address, and telephone number of one individual that is designated
48.27 by the applicant to receive all communications and cooperate with all inspections and
48.28 investigations of the commissioner pertaining to the sale of manufactured homes in the
48.29 manufactured home park owned by the applicant;

48.30 (vi) whether the applicant or its designated individual has been convicted of a crime
48.31 within the previous ten years that is either related directly to the business for which the
48.32 license is sought or involved fraud, misrepresentation or misuse of funds, or has suffered a
48.33 judgment in a civil action involving fraud, misrepresentation, or conversion within the
48.34 previous five years or has had any government license or permit suspended or revoked

49.1 as a result of an action brought by a federal or state governmental agency in this or any
49.2 other state within the last five years; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50.27 ~~(c)~~ (b) has had a previous manufacturer or dealer license revoked in this or any
 50.28 other state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51.30 **327B.10 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

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

52.1 Sec. 60. **INCORPORATING ADAPTABILITY DESIGN ELEMENTS; REPORT.**

52.2 The commissioner of labor and industry shall explore the possibility of incorporating
 52.3 the adaptability design elements in the State Building Code for the following International
 52.4 Residential Codes (IRC) and International Building Codes (IBC):

52.5 (1) IRC-1;

52.6 (2) IRC-2;

52.7 (3) IRC-3;

52.8 (4) IBC R-2; and

52.9 (5) IBC R-3.

52.10 The commissioner shall report back to the legislative committees having jurisdiction
 52.11 over these issues by January 15, 2008.

52.12 Sec. 61. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

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

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
52.16		
52.17	<u>16B.59</u>	<u>326B.101</u>
52.18	<u>16B.60, subd. 1</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 1</u>
52.19	<u>16B.60, subd. 2</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 4</u>
52.20	<u>16B.60, subd. 3</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 9</u>
52.21	<u>16B.60, subd. 4</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 5</u>
52.22	<u>16B.60, subd. 5</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 3</u>
52.23	<u>16B.60, subd. 6</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 11</u>
52.24	<u>16B.60, subd. 7</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 10</u>
52.25	<u>16B.60, subd. 8</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 12</u>
52.26	<u>16B.60, subd. 9</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 8</u>
52.27	<u>16B.60, subd. 10</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 7</u>
52.28	<u>16B.60, subd. 11</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 13</u>
52.29	<u>16B.60, subd. 12</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 6</u>
52.30	<u>16B.60, subd. 13</u>	<u>326B.103, subd. 2</u>
52.31	<u>16B.61</u>	<u>326B.106</u>
52.32	<u>16B.615</u>	<u>326B.109</u>
52.33	<u>16B.616</u>	<u>326B.112</u>
52.34	<u>16B.617</u>	<u>326B.115</u>
52.35	<u>16B.6175</u>	<u>326B.118</u>
52.36	<u>16B.62</u>	<u>326B.121</u>
52.37	<u>16B.625</u>	<u>326B.124</u>
52.38	<u>16B.63</u>	<u>326B.127</u>
52.39	<u>16B.64</u>	<u>326B.13</u>

53.1	<u>16B.65</u>	<u>326B.133</u>
53.2	<u>16B.66</u>	<u>326B.136</u>
53.3	<u>16B.67</u>	<u>326B.139</u>
53.4	<u>16B.68</u>	<u>326B.142</u>
53.5	<u>16B.685</u>	<u>326B.145</u>
53.6	<u>16B.70</u>	<u>326B.148</u>
53.7	<u>16B.71</u>	<u>326B.151</u>
53.8	<u>16B.72</u>	<u>326B.154</u>
53.9	<u>16B.73</u>	<u>326B.157</u>
53.10	<u>16B.735</u>	<u>326B.16</u>
53.11	<u>16B.74</u>	<u>326B.163</u>
53.12	<u>16B.741</u>	<u>326B.166</u>
53.13	<u>16B.742</u>	<u>326B.169</u>
53.14	<u>16B.743</u>	<u>326B.172</u>
53.15	<u>16B.744</u>	<u>326B.175</u>
53.16	<u>16B.745</u>	<u>326B.178</u>
53.17	<u>16B.746</u>	<u>326B.181</u>
53.18	<u>16B.747</u>	<u>326B.184</u>
53.19	<u>16B.748</u>	<u>326B.187</u>
53.20	<u>16B.749</u>	<u>326B.191</u>
53.21	<u>16B.75</u>	<u>326B.194</u>
53.22	<u>16B.76</u>	<u>326B.07</u>
53.23	<u>326.992</u>	<u>326B.197</u>

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**ARTICLE 5
ELECTRICAL**

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

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

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

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

54.1 ~~and other purposes~~ perform and supervise any electrical work except for planning or
54.2 laying out of electrical work, and who is licensed as ~~such~~ a Class A journeyman electrician
54.3 by the ~~Board of Electricity~~ commissioner.

54.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
54.5 to read:

54.6 Subd. 4a. **Elevator constructor.** "Elevator constructor" means an individual having
54.7 the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to wire for,
54.8 install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for elevators and
54.9 escalators and who is licensed as an elevator constructor by the commissioner.

54.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
54.11 to read:

54.12 Subd. 4b. **Elevator contractor.** "Elevator contractor" means a licensed contractor
54.13 whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed master elevator constructor. An
54.14 elevator contractor license does not itself qualify its holder to perform or supervise the
54.15 electrical or elevator work authorized by holding any other personal license issued by
54.16 the commissioner.

54.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
54.18 to read:

54.19 Subd. 4c. **Lineman.** "Lineman" means an individual having the necessary
54.20 qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to construct and maintain
54.21 transmission and distribution systems that are or will be owned or leased by an electrical
54.22 utility, and who is licensed as a lineman by the commissioner.

54.23 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
54.24 to read:

54.25 Subd. 4d. **Maintenance electrician.** "Maintenance electrician" means an individual
54.26 having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to
54.27 properly maintain and repair electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment, who is licensed
54.28 as a maintenance electrician by the commissioner or who is exempt from licensing by
54.29 sections 326.241 to 326.248.

54.30 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
54.31 to read:

55.1 Subd. 4e. **Master elevator constructor.** "Master elevator constructor" means
55.2 an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical
55.3 knowledge to properly plan, lay out, and supervise the installation, maintenance, and
55.4 repair of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for elevators and escalators and who is licensed
55.5 as a master elevator constructor by the commissioner.

55.6 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

56.24 Subd. 6f. **Electrical work.** ~~The term~~ "Electrical work" means the installing,
56.25 altering, repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment
56.26 for electrical light, heat, power, technology circuits or systems, or other purposes. The
56.27 installing, ~~alteration~~ altering, repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring,
56.28 apparatus, or equipment for electrical light, heat, power, technology circuits or systems,
56.29 or other purposes includes, but is not limited to, the performance of any work ~~governed~~
56.30 regulated by the standards referred to in section 326.243.

56.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6g, is amended to read:

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

57.4 (1) ~~the licensed person actually reviews the electrical work performed by the~~
 57.5 ~~unlicensed person~~ an unlicensed individual is being supervised by an individual licensed
 57.6 to perform the electrical work being supervised;

57.7 (2) during the entire working day of the unlicensed individual, the licensed
 57.8 individual is physically present at the location where the unlicensed individual is
 57.9 performing electrical work and immediately available to the unlicensed individual;

57.10 (3) the licensed person individual is physically present and immediately available to
 57.11 the unlicensed person individual at all times for assistance and direction;

57.12 (4) electronic supervision does not meet the requirement of physically present and
 57.13 immediately available;

57.14 (5) the licensed individual shall review the electrical work performed by the
 57.15 unlicensed individual before the electrical work is operated; and

57.16 ~~(3)~~ (6) the licensed person individual is able to and does determine that all electrical
 57.17 work performed by the unlicensed person individual is performed in compliance with
 57.18 section 326.243.

57.19 The licensed ~~person~~ individual is responsible for the compliance with section
 57.20 326.243 of all electrical work performed by the unlicensed ~~person~~ individual.

57.21 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6j, is amended to read:

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

57.27 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6k, is amended to read:

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

58.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 6l, is amended to read:

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

58.14 Sec. 19. **[326.2415] BOARD OF ELECTRICITY.**

58.15 Subdivision 1. **Composition.** (a) The Board of Electricity shall consist of 12
58.16 members. Eleven members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent
58.17 of the senate and shall be voting members. Appointments of members by the governor
58.18 shall be made in accordance with section 15.066. If the senate votes to refuse to consent
58.19 to an appointment of a member made by the governor, the governor shall appoint a new
58.20 member with the advice and consent of the senate. One member shall be the commissioner
58.21 of labor and industry or the commissioner's designee, who shall be a voting member. Of
58.22 the 11 appointed members, the composition shall be as follows:

58.23 (1) one member shall be an electrical inspector;

58.24 (2) two members shall be representatives of the electrical suppliers in rural areas;

58.25 (3) two members shall be master electricians, who shall be contractors;

58.26 (4) two members shall be journeyman electricians;

58.27 (5) one member shall be a registered consulting electrical engineer;

58.28 (6) two members shall be power limited technicians, who shall be technology
58.29 system contractors primarily engaged in the business of installing technology circuit
58.30 or systems; and

58.31 (7) one member shall be a public member as defined by section 214.02.

58.32 The electrical inspector shall be appointed to a term to end December 31, 2011. One
58.33 of the rural electrical suppliers shall be appointed for a term to end December 31, 2011.
58.34 The other rural electrical supplier shall be appointed for a term to end December 31,
58.35 2010. The consulting electrical engineer shall be appointed for a term to end December

59.1 31, 2011. One of the master electrician contractors shall be appointed for a term to end
59.2 December 31, 2011. The other master electrician contractor shall be appointed for a term
59.3 to end December 31, 2010. One of the journeyman electricians shall be appointed for a
59.4 term to end December 31, 2011. The other journeyman electrician shall be appointed
59.5 for a term to end December 31, 2010. One of the power limited technicians shall be
59.6 appointed for a term to end December 31, 2011. The other power limited technician shall
59.7 be appointed for a term to end December 31, 2010. The public member shall be appointed
59.8 for a term to end December 31, 2010.

59.9 (b) The consulting electrical engineer must possess a current Minnesota professional
59.10 engineering license and maintain the license for the duration of the term on the board.
59.11 All other appointed members, except for the public member and the representatives of
59.12 electrical suppliers in rural areas, must possess a current electrical license issued by the
59.13 Department of Labor and Industry and maintain that license for the duration of their terms.
59.14 All appointed members must be residents of Minnesota at the time of and throughout
59.15 the member's appointment. The term of any appointed member that does not maintain
59.16 membership qualification status shall end on the date of the status change and the governor
59.17 shall appoint a new member. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the board of
59.18 their status change.

59.19 (c) For appointed members, except the initial terms designated in paragraph (a), each
59.20 term shall be three years with the terms ending on December 31. Members appointed by
59.21 the governor shall be limited to three consecutive terms. The governor shall, all or in part,
59.22 reappoint the current members or appoint replacement members with the advice and
59.23 consent of the senate. Midterm vacancies shall be filled for the remaining portion of the
59.24 term. Vacancies occurring with less than six months time remaining in the term shall be
59.25 filled for the existing term and the following three-year term. Members may serve until
59.26 their successors are appointed but in no case later than July 1 in a year in which the term
59.27 expires unless reappointed.

59.28 Subd. 2. **Powers; duties; administrative support.** (a) The board shall have the
59.29 power to:

59.30 (1) elect its chair, vice-chair, and secretary;

59.31 (2) adopt bylaws that specify the duties of its officers, the meeting dates of the board,
59.32 and containing such other provisions as may be useful and necessary for the efficient
59.33 conduct of the business of the board;

59.34 (3) the Minnesota Electrical Code shall be the most current edition of the National
59.35 Electrical Code upon its adoption by the board and any amendments thereto as adopted
59.36 by the board. The board shall adopt the most current edition of the National Electrical

60.1 Code and any amendments thereto pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision
60.2 6, paragraphs (b) and (c);

60.3 (4) review requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations as provided
60.4 in section 16B.63, subdivision 5;

60.5 (5) adopt rules that regulate the licensure or registration of electrical businesses,
60.6 electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyman electricians, Class A installer,
60.7 Class B installer, power limited technicians, and other persons who perform electrical
60.8 work except for those individuals licensed under section 326.02, subdivisions 2 and 3.

60.9 The board shall adopt these rules pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision
60.10 6, paragraphs (d) and (e);

60.11 (6) adopt rules that regulate continuing education for individuals licensed or
60.12 registered as electrical businesses, electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyman
60.13 electricians, Class A installer, Class B installer, power limited technicians, and other
60.14 persons who perform electrical work. The board shall adopt these rules pursuant to
60.15 chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision 6, paragraph (e);

60.16 (7) advise the commissioner regarding educational requirements for electrical
60.17 inspectors;

60.18 (8) refer complaints or other communications to the commissioner, whether oral or
60.19 in writing, as provided in subdivision 8 that alleges or implies a violation of a statute, rule,
60.20 or order that the commissioner has the authority to enforce pertaining to code compliance,
60.21 licensure, registration, or an offering to perform or performance of unlicensed electrical
60.22 services;

60.23 (9) approve per diem and expenses deemed necessary for its members as provided in
60.24 subdivision 3;

60.25 (10) approve license reciprocity agreements;

60.26 (11) select from its members individuals to serve on any other state advisory council,
60.27 board, or committee; and

60.28 (12) recommend the fees for licenses and certifications.

60.29 Except for the powers granted to the Plumbing Board, Board of Electricity, and
60.30 the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems, the commissioner of labor and industry
60.31 shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and any rules promulgated
60.32 pursuant thereto.

60.33 (b) The board shall comply with section 15.0597, subdivisions 2 and 4.

60.34 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate the board's rulemaking and recommendations
60.35 with the recommendations and rulemaking conducted by all of the other boards created
60.36 pursuant to chapter 326B. The commissioner shall provide staff support to the board. The

61.1 support includes professional, legal, technical, and clerical staff necessary to perform
61.2 rulemaking and other duties assigned to the board. The commissioner of labor and
61.3 industry shall supply necessary office space and supplies to assist the board in its duties

61.4 Subd. 3. **Compensation.** (a) Members of the board may be compensated at the rate
61.5 of \$55 a day spent on board activities, when authorized by the board, plus expenses in
61.6 the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under
61.7 section 43A.18, subdivision 2. Members who, as a result of time spent attending board
61.8 meetings, incur child care expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred, may be
61.9 reimbursed for those expenses upon board authorization.

61.10 (b) Members who are state employees or employees of the political subdivisions
61.11 of the state must not receive the daily payment for activities that occur during working
61.12 hours for which they are compensated by the state or political subdivision. However, a
61.13 state or political subdivision employee may receive the daily payment if the employee
61.14 uses vacation time or compensatory time accumulated in accordance with a collective
61.15 bargaining agreement or compensation plan for board activities. Members who are state
61.16 employees or employees of the political subdivisions of the state may receive the expenses
61.17 provided for in this subdivision unless the expenses are reimbursed by another source.
61.18 Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions of the state
61.19 may be reimbursed for child care expenses only for time spent on board activities that
61.20 are outside their working hours.

61.21 (c) The board shall adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent
61.22 on board activities for purposes of making daily payments under this subdivision.

61.23 Subd. 4. **Removal; vacancies.** (a) An appointed member of the board may be
61.24 removed by the governor at any time (1) for cause, after notice and hearing, or (2) after
61.25 missing three consecutive meetings. The chair of the board shall inform the governor of an
61.26 appointed member missing the three consecutive meetings. After the second consecutive
61.27 missed meeting and before the next meeting, the secretary of the board shall notify the
61.28 appointed member in writing that the member may be removed for missing the next
61.29 meeting. In the case of a vacancy on the board, the governor shall, with the advice
61.30 and consent of the Senate, appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the
61.31 unexpired term.

61.32 (b) Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to section 15.097, subdivisions 5 and 6.

61.33 Subd. 5. **Membership vacancies within three months of appointment.**
61.34 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when a membership on the board becomes
61.35 vacant within three months after being filled through the appointments process, the

62.1 governor may, upon notification to the Office of Secretary of State, choose a new member
62.2 from the applications on hand and need not repeat the process.

62.3 Subd. 6. **Officers, quorum, voting.** (a) The board shall elect annually from its
62.4 members a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. A quorum of the board shall consist of a
62.5 majority of members of the board qualified to vote on the matter in question. All questions
62.6 concerning the manner in which a meeting is conducted or called that is not covered
62.7 by statute shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order (revised) unless otherwise
62.8 specified by the bylaws.

62.9 (b) Each electrical code amendment considered by the board that receives an
62.10 affirmative two-thirds or more majority vote of all of the voting members of the board
62.11 shall be included in the next electrical code rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board.
62.12 If an electrical code amendment considered, or reconsidered, by the board receives less
62.13 than a two-thirds majority vote of all of the voting members of the board, the electrical
62.14 code amendment shall not be included in the next electrical code rulemaking proceeding
62.15 initiated by the board.

62.16 (c) The board may reconsider electrical code amendments during an active electrical
62.17 code rulemaking proceeding in which the amendment previously failed to receive a
62.18 two-thirds majority vote or more of all of the voting members of the board only if new
62.19 or updated information that affects the electrical code amendment is presented to the
62.20 board. The board may also reconsider failed electrical code amendments in subsequent
62.21 electrical code rulemaking proceedings.

62.22 (d) Each proposed rule and rule amendment considered by the board pursuant to the
62.23 rulemaking authority specified in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (6), that
62.24 receives an affirmative majority vote of all of the voting members of the board shall be
62.25 included in the next rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board. If a proposed rule or
62.26 rule amendment considered, or reconsidered, by the board receives less than an affirmative
62.27 majority vote of all of the voting members of the board, the proposed rule or rule
62.28 amendment shall not be included in the next rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board.

62.29 (e) The board may reconsider proposed rule or rule amendment during an active
62.30 rulemaking proceeding in which the amendment previously failed to receive an affirmative
62.31 majority vote of all of the voting members of the board only if new or updated information
62.32 that affects the proposed rule or rule amendment is presented to the board. The board
62.33 may also reconsider failed proposed rule or rule amendment in subsequent rulemaking
62.34 proceedings.

63.1 Subd. 7. **Board meetings.** (a) The board shall hold meetings at such times as the
63.2 board shall specify. Notice and conduct of all meetings shall be pursuant to chapter 13D
63.3 and in a manner as the bylaws may provide.

63.4 (b) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the board may conduct a
63.5 meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following
63.6 conditions are met:

63.7 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical
63.8 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

63.9 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can
63.10 hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board and, if
63.11 needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

63.12 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting
63.13 location; and

63.14 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be
63.15 identified and recorded.

63.16 Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic
63.17 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and
63.18 participating in all proceedings.

63.19 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
63.20 emergency meeting, the board, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor
63.21 the meeting electronically from a remote location. The board may require the person
63.22 making such a connection to pay for documented costs that the board incurs as a result of
63.23 the additional connection.

63.24 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
63.25 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the
63.26 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that
63.27 a person may monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Any person
63.28 monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location may be required to pay
63.29 documented costs incurred by the board as a result of the additional connection. The
63.30 timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

63.31 Subd. 8. **Complaints.** (a) The board shall promptly forward to the commissioner
63.32 the substance of any complaint or communication it receives, whether in writing or oral,
63.33 that alleges or implies a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the commissioner has
63.34 the authority to enforce pertaining to the license or registration of any person authorized
63.35 by the department to provide electrical work, the performance or offering to perform
63.36 electrical work requiring licensure or registration, or electrical code compliance. Each

64.1 complaint or communication that is forwarded to the commissioner shall be submitted
 64.2 on a form provided by the commissioner.

64.3 (b) The commissioner shall advise the board of the status of the complaint within 90
 64.4 days after the board's written submission is received, or within 90 days after the board
 64.5 is provided with a written request for additional information or documentation from the
 64.6 commissioner or the commissioner's designee, whichever is later. The commissioner shall
 64.7 advise the board of the disposition of a complaint referred by the board within 180 days
 64.8 after the board's written submission is received. The commissioner shall annually report to
 64.9 the board a summary of the actions taken in response to complaints referred by the board.

64.10 Subd. 9. **Data Practices Act.** The board is subject to chapter 13, the Minnesota
 64.11 Government Data Practices Act, and shall protect from unlawful disclosure data classified
 64.12 as not public.

64.13 Subd. 10. **Official records.** The board shall make and preserve all records necessary
 64.14 to a full and accurate knowledge of its official activities in accordance with section 15.17.

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

64.16 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.242, is amended to read:

64.17 **326.242 LICENSES.**

64.18 Subdivision 1. **Master electrician.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no ~~person~~
 64.19 ~~individual~~ shall ~~install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, or supervise the installing, altering, or~~
 64.20 ~~repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, or other~~
 64.21 ~~purposes~~ perform or supervise electrical work unless the person individual is: (a) licensed
 64.22 by the ~~board~~ commissioner as a master electrician; and (b)(i) the electrical work is for a
 64.23 licensed contractor and the ~~person individual~~ is an employee, partner, or officer of, or is
 64.24 the licensed contractor, or (ii) the electrical work is performed for the ~~person's individual's~~
 64.25 employer on ~~electric~~ electrical wiring, apparatus, equipment, or facilities that are owned
 64.26 or leased by the employer ~~which is~~ and that are located within the limits of property
 64.27 ~~which is operated, maintained, and either owned or leased and operated and maintained~~ by
 64.28 the employer.

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

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

65.7 Subd. 2. **Journeyman electrician.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law,
 65.8 no ~~person individual~~ shall ~~install, alter, repair, or supervise the installing, altering, or~~
 65.9 ~~repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, or other~~
 65.10 ~~purposes~~ perform and supervise any electrical work except for planning or laying out
 65.11 of electrical work unless:

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

65.14 (2) the electrical work is:

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

65.17 (ii) performed under the supervision of a master electrician also employed by the
 65.18 ~~person's individual's~~ employer on electrical wiring, apparatus, equipment, or facilities
 65.19 that are owned or leased by the employer and that is are located within the limits of
 65.20 property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased; ~~operated, and maintained~~ by
 65.21 the employer.

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

65.28 (c) As of August 1, 1985, no new Class B journeyman ~~electrician's~~ electrician
 65.29 licenses shall be issued. An individual who holds a Class B journeyman ~~electrician's~~
 65.30 electrician license as of August 1, 1985, may retain and renew the license and exercise the
 65.31 privileges it grants, which include electrical work limited to single phase systems, not over
 65.32 200 amperes in capacity, on farmsteads or on single-family dwellings located in towns or
 65.33 municipalities with fewer than 2,500 inhabitants.

65.34 Subd. 3. **Class A installer.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, and
 65.35 6, any ~~person individual~~ holding a Class A installer license may lay out and install and
 65.36 supervise the laying out and installing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for

66.1 major electrical home appliances on the load side of the main service on farmsteads and in
 66.2 any town or municipality with fewer than 1,500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to
 66.3 a city of the first class and does not contain an established business of a contractor. As
 66.4 of December 1, 2007, no new Class A installer licenses shall be issued. An individual
 66.5 who holds a Class A installer license as of December 1, 2007, may retain and renew the
 66.6 license and exercise the privileges it grants.

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

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

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

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

66.27 (1) the ~~person~~ individual is licensed by the ~~board~~ commissioner as a power limited
 66.28 technician; and

66.29 (2) the electrical work is:

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

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

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

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

67.11 ~~(d)~~ (c) Licensees must attain ~~eight~~ 16 hours of continuing education acceptable to
 67.12 the board every renewal period.

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

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

67.22 ~~(g)~~ (e) A person who has submitted an application by ~~September 30, 2005~~ December
 67.23 30, 2007, to take the power limited technician examination administered by the ~~board~~
 67.24 department is not required to meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph (b).

67.25 ~~Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2,~~
 67.26 ~~6, and 7, the board may by rule provide for the issuance of special electrician licenses~~
 67.27 ~~empowering the licensee to engage in a limited class or classes of electrical work, which~~
 67.28 ~~class or classes shall be specified on the license certificate. Each licensee shall have had~~
 67.29 ~~at least two years of experience, acceptable to the board, in each such limited class of~~
 67.30 ~~work for which the licensee is licensed.~~

67.31 Subd. 5. **Unlicensed persons individuals.** (a) An unlicensed ~~person~~ individual
 67.32 means an individual who has not been licensed by the department to perform specific
 67.33 electrical work. An unlicensed individual shall not perform electrical work required to
 67.34 be performed by a licensed individual unless the individual has first registered with the
 67.35 department as an unlicensed individual. Thereafter, an unlicensed individual shall not
 67.36 perform electrical work required to be performed by a licensed individual unless the work

68.1 is performed under the ~~personal~~ direct supervision of ~~a person~~ an individual actually
 68.2 licensed to perform such work ~~and~~. The licensed ~~electrician~~ individual and unlicensed
 68.3 ~~persons are~~ individual must be employed by the same employer. Licensed ~~persons~~
 68.4 individuals shall not permit unlicensed ~~persons~~ individuals to perform electrical work
 68.5 except under the ~~personal~~ direct supervision of ~~a person~~ an individual actually licensed to
 68.6 perform such work. Unlicensed ~~persons~~ individuals shall not supervise the performance of
 68.7 electrical work or make assignments of electrical work to unlicensed ~~persons~~ individuals.
 68.8 Except for technology circuit or system work, licensed ~~persons~~ individuals shall supervise
 68.9 no more than two unlicensed ~~persons~~ individuals. For technology circuit or system
 68.10 work, licensed ~~persons~~ individuals shall supervise no more than three unlicensed ~~persons~~
 68.11 individuals.

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

68.16 (c) Contractors employing unlicensed ~~persons performing~~ individuals to perform
 68.17 electrical work shall maintain records establishing compliance with this subdivision;
 68.18 ~~which that~~ shall ~~designate~~ identify all unlicensed ~~persons~~ individuals performing electrical
 68.19 work, except for ~~persons~~ individuals working on circuits or systems exempted from
 68.20 personal licensing by subdivision 12, paragraph (b), and shall permit the ~~board~~ department
 68.21 to examine and copy all such records ~~as provided for in section 326.244, subdivision 6.~~

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

68.25 **Subd. 5a. Registration of unlicensed individuals.** Unlicensed individuals
 68.26 performing electrical work for a contractor or employer shall register with the department
 68.27 in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Experience credit for electrical work
 68.28 performed in Minnesota after January 1, 2008, by an applicant for a license identified in
 68.29 this section shall not be granted where the applicant has not registered with or is not
 68.30 licensed by the department.

68.31 **Subd. 6. Contractor's license required.** Except as otherwise provided by law, no
 68.32 ~~person~~ individual other than an employee, partner, or officer of a licensed contractor, as
 68.33 defined by section ~~326.01~~ 326B.31, subdivision ~~5~~ 12, shall ~~undertake~~ perform or offer
 68.34 ~~to undertake to plan for, lay out, supervise or install or to make additions, alterations, or~~
 68.35 ~~repairs in the installation of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for light, heat,~~
 68.36 ~~power, and other purposes~~ perform electrical work with or without compensation unless

69.1 the ~~person~~ individual obtains a contractor's license. A contractor's license does not of itself
 69.2 qualify its holder to perform or supervise the electrical work authorized by holding any
 69.3 class of personal ~~electrical~~ license.

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

69.12 Subd. 6b. **Insurance required.** Each contractor shall have and maintain in effect
 69.13 general liability insurance, which includes premises and operations insurance and products
 69.14 and completed operations insurance, with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence,
 69.15 \$300,000 aggregate limit for bodily injury, and property damage insurance with limits
 69.16 of at least ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 or a policy with a single limit for bodily injury and property
 69.17 damage of \$300,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 aggregate limits. Such insurance
 69.18 shall be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota and each
 69.19 contractor shall maintain on file with the ~~board~~ commissioner a certificate evidencing such
 69.20 insurance which provides that such insurance shall not be canceled without the insurer
 69.21 first giving 15 days written notice to the ~~board~~ commissioner of such cancellation.

69.22 Subd. 6c. **Employment of master electrician or power limited technician.** (a) ~~No~~
 69.23 ~~contractor shall engage in business of electrical contracting unless the contractor employs~~
 69.24 ~~a licensed Class A master or Class B~~ Each contractor must designate a responsible master
 69.25 electrician; or power limited technician, who shall be responsible for the performance of
 69.26 all electrical work in accordance with the requirements of sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
 69.27 326B.31 to 326B.399 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections. The
 69.28 classes of work ~~for which the~~ that a licensed contractor is authorized to perform shall be
 69.29 limited to ~~those for which such Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician,~~
 69.30 ~~or power limited technician employed by the contractor~~ the classes of work that the
 69.31 responsible master electrician or power limited electrician is licensed to perform.

69.32 (b) When a contractor's license is held by an individual, sole proprietorship,
 69.33 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation and the individual, proprietor, one
 69.34 of the partners, one of the members, or an officer of the corporation, respectively, is not
 69.35 the responsible master electrician or power limited technician ~~of record,~~ all requests for
 69.36 inspection shall be signed by the responsible master electrician or power limited technician

70.1 ~~of record. The designated responsible master electrician or power limited technician of~~
 70.2 ~~record shall be employed by the individual, partnership, limited liability company, or~~
 70.3 ~~corporation which is applying for a contractor's license and shall not be employed in any~~
 70.4 ~~capacity as a licensed electrician or licensed technician by any other contractor or employer~~
 70.5 ~~designated in subdivision 12. If the contractor is an individual or a sole proprietorship, the~~
 70.6 ~~responsible licensed individual must be the individual, proprietor, or managing employee.~~
 70.7 If the contractor is a partnership, the responsible licensed individual must be a general
 70.8 partner or managing employee. If the licensed contractor is a limited liability company,
 70.9 the responsible licensed individual must be a chief manager or managing employee. If
 70.10 the contractor is a corporation, the responsible licensed individual must be an officer or
 70.11 managing employee. If the responsible licensed individual is a managing employee, the
 70.12 responsible licensed individual must be actively engaged in performing electrical work
 70.13 on behalf of the contractor, and cannot be employed in any capacity as an electrician
 70.14 or technician by any other contractor or employer designated in subdivision 12. An
 70.15 individual may be the responsible licensed individual for only one contractor or employer.

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

70.19 Subd. 7. **Examination.** In addition to the other requirements ~~imposed herein~~
 70.20 described in this section and except as ~~herein otherwise~~ provided in subdivision 11, as
 70.21 a precondition to issuance of a personal license, each applicant must pass a written
 70.22 or oral examination ~~given~~ developed and administered by the ~~board~~ commissioner to
 70.23 ~~insure~~ ensure the competence of each applicant for license. An oral examination shall
 70.24 be administered only to an applicant who furnishes a written statement from a certified
 70.25 teacher or other professional, trained in the area of reading disabilities stating that the
 70.26 applicant has a specific reading disability which would prevent the applicant from
 70.27 performing satisfactorily on a written test. The oral examination shall be structured so that
 70.28 an applicant who passes the examination will not impair the applicant's own safety or that
 70.29 of others while acting as a licensed ~~person~~ individual. No ~~person~~ individual failing an
 70.30 examination may retake it for six months thereafter, but within such six months the ~~person~~
 70.31 individual may take an examination for a lesser grade of license. Any ~~licensee~~ individual
 70.32 failing to renew a personal license for two years or more after its expiration, and any
 70.33 licensee whose personal license is revoked under this chapter, shall be required to retake
 70.34 the examination before being issued a new license. An individual whose personal license
 70.35 is revoked under any other chapter is not required to retake the examination before being
 70.36 issued a new license, unless the personal license was revoked two years or more before the

71.1 commissioner received the completed application for a new license. A licensee whose
 71.2 personal license is suspended for any reason is not required to retake the examination
 71.3 before the personal license is reinstated, unless the personal license has not been reinstated
 71.4 within two years after the suspension began.

71.5 An applicant for a personal license shall submit to the ~~board~~ commissioner an
 71.6 application and examination fee at the time of application. Upon approval of the
 71.7 application, the ~~board~~ commissioner shall schedule the applicant for the next available
 71.8 examination, which shall be held within 60 days. The applicant shall be allowed one
 71.9 opportunity to reschedule an examination without being required to submit another
 71.10 application and examination fee. Additionally, an applicant who fails an examination, or
 71.11 whose application ~~has been disapproved, must~~ was not approved, shall submit another
 71.12 application and examination fee.

71.13 **Subd. 8. License and renewal fees; expiration.** ~~All licenses issued hereunder shall~~
 71.14 ~~expire in a manner as provided by the board.~~ (a) Unless revoked or suspended under this
 71.15 chapter, all licenses issued or renewed under this section expire on the date specified
 71.16 in this subdivision. Master licenses expire March 1 of each odd-numbered year after
 71.17 issuance or renewal. Electrical contractor licenses expire March 1 of each even-numbered
 71.18 year after issuance or renewal. Technology system contractor licenses expire August 1 of
 71.19 each even-numbered year after issuance or renewal. All other personal licenses expire two
 71.20 years from the date of original issuance and every two years thereafter.

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

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

71.24 ~~Class A Master:~~

71.25 ~~Class B Master:~~

71.26 ~~Class A Journeyman, Class B Journeyman, Installer, Power Limited Technician, or~~
 71.27 ~~Special Electrician:~~

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

71.29 ~~Class A Master:~~ or master elevator constructor: \$40 per year;

71.30 ~~Class B Master:~~ \$25 per year;

71.31 ~~Power Limited Technician:~~ \$15 per year;

71.32 ~~Class A Journeyman, Class B Journeyman, Installer, or Special Elevator Constructor,~~
 71.33 ~~Lineman, or Maintenance Electrician:~~ \$15 per year;

71.34 ~~Electrical contractor:~~ \$100 per year;

71.35 ~~Technology Systems Contractor~~ Unlicensed individual registration: \$15 per year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

73.19 ~~Subd. 9c. **Temporary suspension.** (a) The complaint committee may, on~~
73.20 ~~behalf of the board and in the public interest, temporarily suspend a license pending~~
73.21 ~~final determination of an order for hearing. The complaint committee shall not issue~~
73.22 ~~a temporary suspension order until an investigation of the facts has been conducted~~
73.23 ~~pursuant to section 214.10 by the attorney general. The complaint committee shall issue a~~
73.24 ~~temporary suspension order only when the safety of life or property is threatened or to~~
73.25 ~~prevent the commission of fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest acts against the public.~~
73.26 ~~Service of the temporary suspension order is effective if the order is served on the licensee~~
73.27 ~~or counsel of record personally or by first class mail to the most recent address provided to~~
73.28 ~~the board for the licensee or the counsel of record.~~

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

73.34 ~~(c) If the licensee requests a hearing in writing within ten days of service of the~~
73.35 ~~order, the board shall hold a hearing before its own members on the sole issue of whether~~
73.36 ~~there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or vacate the temporary suspension. The~~

74.1 ~~board shall hold the hearing within five working days of the licensee's request for hearing.~~
74.2 ~~Evidence presented by the complaint committee or licensee shall be in affidavit form only.~~
74.3 ~~The licensee or counsel of record for the licensee may appear for oral argument. Within~~
74.4 ~~five working days after the hearing, the board shall issue its order either continuing or~~
74.5 ~~vacating the temporary suspension.~~

74.6 ~~Subd. 9d. **Cease and desist order.** (a) Whenever it appears to the complaint~~
74.7 ~~committee that any person has engaged or is about to engage in any act or practice~~
74.8 ~~constituting a violation of sections 326.241 to 326.248, any other law authorizing the~~
74.9 ~~issuance of a cease and desist order, or any rule or order adopted or issued under these~~
74.10 ~~sections, the complaint committee may, on behalf of the board, issue and cause to be~~
74.11 ~~served upon the person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from violating~~
74.12 ~~sections 326.241 to 326.248 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections.~~
74.13 ~~The complaint committee shall not issue a cease and desist order until an investigation of~~
74.14 ~~the facts has been conducted pursuant to section 214.10 by the attorney general. The order~~
74.15 ~~shall be calculated to give reasonable notice of the right of the person to request a hearing~~
74.16 ~~and shall state the reasons for the entry of the order. If no hearing is requested of the board~~
74.17 ~~within 15 days of service of the order, the order shall become final and shall remain in~~
74.18 ~~effect until it is modified or vacated by the board and shall not be reviewable by a court.~~

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

74.25 ~~Subd. 9e. **Costs of proceeding.** The board may impose a fee to reimburse the~~
74.26 ~~board for all or part of the cost of the proceedings resulting in disciplinary action or~~
74.27 ~~the imposition of civil penalties or the issuance of a cease and desist order. Such fees~~
74.28 ~~include, but are not limited to, the amount paid by the board for services from the office of~~
74.29 ~~administrative hearings, attorney fees, court reporters, witnesses, reproduction of records,~~
74.30 ~~board members' per diem compensation, board staff time, and expense incurred by board~~
74.31 ~~members and staff.~~

74.32 ~~Subd. 9f. **District court action; injunctive relief and civil penalties.** (a) Whenever~~
74.33 ~~it appears to the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by the board, that any~~
74.34 ~~person has engaged or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of~~
74.35 ~~sections 326.241 to 326.248 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections,~~
74.36 ~~the board, or the complaint committee if authorized by the board, may bring an action~~

75.1 ~~in the name of the board in the Ramsey County District Court or the district court of~~
75.2 ~~any other county in which venue is proper.~~

75.3 ~~(b) The action may be brought to enjoin the acts or practices and to enforce~~
75.4 ~~compliance with sections 326.241 to 326.248, any other law authorizing a civil or~~
75.5 ~~injunctive action, or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections and for a civil~~
75.6 ~~penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each separate violation of sections 326.241 to 326.248,~~
75.7 ~~any other law authorizing a civil or injunctive action, or any rule or order adopted or~~
75.8 ~~issued under these sections.~~

75.9 ~~(c) A temporary restraining order and other temporary injunctive relief shall be~~
75.10 ~~granted in the proceeding whenever it appears that any person has engaged in or is about~~
75.11 ~~to engage in any act, conduct, or practice constituting violation of sections 326.241 to~~
75.12 ~~326.248, any other law authorizing a civil or injunctive action, or any rule or order adopted~~
75.13 ~~or issued under these sections. The board shall not be required to show irreparable harm.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

76.1 ~~Subd. 9k. **Conflicts of law.** If there is a conflict between sections 326.241 to~~
76.2 ~~326.248 and chapter 214, sections 326.241 to 326.248 shall control.~~

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

76.13 ~~Subd. 11. **Reciprocity.** To the extent that any other state which provides for the~~
76.14 ~~licensing of electricians provides for similar action the board may grant licenses, without~~
76.15 ~~examination, of the same grade and class to an electrician who has been licensed by such~~
76.16 ~~other state for at least one year, upon payment by the applicant of the required fee and~~
76.17 ~~upon the board being furnished with proof that the required fee and upon the board being~~
76.18 ~~furnished with proof that the qualifications of the applicant are equal to the qualifications~~
76.19 ~~of holders of similar licenses in Minnesota. The commissioner may enter into reciprocity~~
76.20 ~~agreements for personal licenses with another state if approved by the board. Once~~
76.21 ~~approved by the board, the commissioner may issue a personal license without requiring~~
76.22 ~~the applicant to pass an examination provided the applicant:~~

76.23 ~~(a) submits an application under section 326.242;~~

76.24 ~~(b) pays the fee required under section 326.242; and~~

76.25 ~~(c) holds a valid comparable license in the state participating in the agreement.~~

76.26 ~~Agreements are subject to the following:~~

76.27 ~~(1) The parties to the agreement must administer a statewide licensing program that~~
76.28 ~~includes examination and qualifying experience or training comparable to Minnesota's.~~

76.29 ~~(2) The experience and training requirements under which an individual applicant~~
76.30 ~~qualified for examination in the qualifying state must be deemed equal to or greater than~~
76.31 ~~required for an applicant making application in Minnesota at the time the applicant~~
76.32 ~~acquired the license in the qualifying state.~~

76.33 ~~(3) The applicant must have acquired the license in the qualifying state through an~~
76.34 ~~examination deemed equivalent to the same class of license examination in Minnesota.~~

76.35 ~~A lesser class of license may be granted where the applicant has acquired a greater~~

77.1 class of license in the qualifying state and the applicant otherwise meets the conditions
77.2 of this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

77.24 (2) the individual is supervised by:

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

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

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

78.1 (b) Employees of a licensed electrical or technology systems contractor or other
78.2 employer where provided with supervision by a master electrician in accordance with
78.3 subdivision 1, or power limited technician in accordance with subdivision 3d, paragraph
78.4 (a), clause (1), are not required to hold a license under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
78.5 326B.31 to 326B.399 for the planning, laying out, installing, altering, and repairing of
78.6 technology circuits or systems except planning, laying out, or installing:

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

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

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

78.15 (c) Companies and their employees that plan, lay out, install, alter, or repair class
78.16 2 and class 3 remote control wiring associated with plug or cord and plug connected
78.17 appliances other than security or fire alarm systems installed in a residential dwelling are
78.18 not required to hold a license under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

78.19 (d) Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and their
78.20 employees are not required to hold or obtain a license under sections ~~326.241 to~~
78.21 ~~326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 when performing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or
78.22 refrigeration work as described in section 326.245.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

79.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
79.14 the amendments to subdivision 8 are effective July 1, 2007, and the amendments to
79.15 subdivision 11 are effective retroactively from January 1, 2007.

79.16 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.243, is amended to read:

79.17 **326.243 SAFETY STANDARDS.**

79.18 All electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment for ~~electric~~ electrical light, heat
79.19 and power, technology circuits or systems shall comply with the rules of the department
79.20 ~~of Commerce or the Department of Labor and Industry, as applicable,~~ and the board and
79.21 be installed in conformity with accepted standards of construction for safety to life and
79.22 property. For the purposes of this chapter, the rules and safety standards stated at the
79.23 time the work is done in the then most ~~recently published~~ current edition of the National
79.24 Electrical Code as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc. and approved
79.25 by the American National Standards Institute, and the National Electrical Safety Code
79.26 as published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. and approved
79.27 by the American National Standards Institute, shall be prima facie evidence of accepted
79.28 standards of construction for safety to life and property; provided further, that in the event
79.29 a Minnesota Building Code is formulated pursuant to section 16B.61, containing approved
79.30 methods of electrical construction for safety to life and property, compliance with said
79.31 methods of electrical construction of said Minnesota Building Code shall also constitute
79.32 compliance with this section, and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall
79.33 prohibit any political subdivision from making and enforcing more stringent requirements

80.1 than set forth herein and such requirements shall be complied with by all licensed
80.2 electricians working within the jurisdiction of such political subdivisions.

80.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

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

80.6 (1) minor work performed by a contractor;

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

80.9 (3) work performed by cable company employees when installing cable
80.10 communications systems or telephone company employees when installing telephone
80.11 systems,

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

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

80.16 (1) ~~remote control circuits controlling~~ class 2 or class 3 remote control circuits that
80.17 control circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3 ~~and indoor lighting~~, except circuits
80.18 that interconnect these systems exempted by section 326.242, subdivision 12, paragraph
80.19 (b), other than fire alarm; class 2 or class 3 circuits in electrical cabinets, enclosures,
80.20 or devices containing physically unprotected circuits other than class 2 or class 3; or
80.21 technology circuits and systems in hazardous classified locations as covered by chapter 5
80.22 of the National Electrical Code;

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

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

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

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

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

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

81.9 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, is amended by adding a subdivision
81.10 to read:

81.11 Subd. 1b. Licenses; bond. All inspectors shall hold licenses as master or
81.12 journeyman electricians under this chapter. All inspectors under contract with the
81.13 department to provide electrical inspection services shall give bond in the amount of
81.14 \$1,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties.

81.15 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

81.21 (b) The fees required are a handling fee and an inspection fee. The handling fee shall
81.22 be set by the ~~board~~ commissioner in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of printing and
81.23 handling the form requesting an inspection. The inspection fee shall be set by the ~~board~~
81.24 commissioner in an amount sufficient to pay the actual costs of the inspection and the
81.25 ~~board's~~ commissioner's costs in administering the inspection. All fees shall be set pursuant
81.26 to the procedure of sections 14.001 to 14.69.

81.27 (c) If the inspector finds that the installation is not in compliance with accepted
81.28 standards of construction for safety to life and property as required by section 326.243, the
81.29 inspector shall by written order condemn the installation or noncomplying portion thereof,
81.30 or order service to the installation disconnected, and shall send a copy of the order to
81.31 the ~~board~~ commissioner. If the installation or the noncomplying part will seriously and
81.32 proximately endanger human life and property, the order of the inspector, when approved
81.33 by the inspector's superior, shall require immediate condemnation or disconnection. In
81.34 all other cases, the order of the inspector shall permit a reasonable opportunity for the

82.1 installation to be brought into compliance with accepted standards of construction for
82.2 safety to life and property prior to the effective time established for condemnation or
82.3 disconnection.

82.4 (d) Copies of each condemnation or disconnection order shall be served personally
82.5 or by mail upon the property owner, and the contractor, installer, or special electrician
82.6 making the installation, and other persons as the board commissioner by rule may direct.
82.7 An aggrieved party may appeal any condemnation or disconnection order by filing with the
82.8 board commissioner a notice of appeal within ten days after (1) service upon the aggrieved
82.9 party of the condemnation or disconnection order, if this service is required, or (2) filing
82.10 of the order with the board commissioner, whichever is later. The appeal shall proceed
82.11 and the order of the inspector shall have the effect the order, by its terms, and the rules of
82.12 the board commissioner provides. The board commissioner shall adopt rules providing
82.13 procedures for the conduct of appeals, including provisions for the stay of enforcement of
82.14 the order of the inspector pending such appeal when justified by the circumstances.

82.15 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

82.16 Subd. 3. **Duty of electrical utility.** No electrical installation subject to inspection
82.17 by the board commissioner shall be newly connected or reconnected for use until there
82.18 is filed with the electrical utility supplying power a certificate of the property owner or
82.19 licensed electrician, directing the work that inspection has been requested and that the
82.20 conditions of the installation are safe for energization, provided further, that in all cases
82.21 where an order of condemnation or disconnection has been issued against the installation
82.22 or any part thereof, prior to connection or reconnection there shall also first be filed with
82.23 the electrical utility supplying the power a copy of an order of the inspector or the board
82.24 commissioner dismissing such prior order of condemnation or disconnection or approving
82.25 the installation as being in compliance with accepted standards of construction for safety
82.26 to life and property. With respect to transient projects, the aforesaid certificate shall also
82.27 contain a certification that the request for inspection has been or will be filed with the
82.28 board commissioner so as to be received by it at least five days prior to the date and time
82.29 energization of the installation by the utility is to occur, and that the request for inspection
82.30 states such date and time, and it shall be the responsibility of the board commissioner
82.31 to have inspection of such transient project occur prior to the date and time at which
82.32 the request states energization is to occur.

82.33 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

83.1 Subd. 4. **Powers of political subdivisions.** Any political subdivision or the
 83.2 University of Minnesota may make provision for inspection of electrical installations
 83.3 within its jurisdiction, in which case it shall keep on file with the ~~board~~ commissioner
 83.4 copies of its current inspection ordinances and codes. No political subdivision or the
 83.5 University of Minnesota shall require any individual, partnership, corporation or other
 83.6 business association holding a license from the ~~board~~ commissioner under sections
 83.7 ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 to pay any license or registration fee, provided
 83.8 however, that any such political subdivision or the University of Minnesota may provide
 83.9 by ordinance a requirement that each individual, partnership, corporation or other business
 83.10 association doing electrical work within the jurisdiction of such political subdivision or
 83.11 the University of Minnesota have on file with said political subdivision a copy of the
 83.12 current license issued by the ~~board~~ commissioner or such other evidence of such license as
 83.13 may be provided by the ~~board~~ commissioner.

83.14 Each electrical inspector of any political subdivision or the University of Minnesota
 83.15 shall be a licensed master or journeyman electrician under section 326.242, subdivision
 83.16 1, paragraph (1), or 2, paragraph (b), and shall not otherwise engage or be employed in
 83.17 the sale, installing, altering, or repairing of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for
 83.18 light, heat, power, and other purposes and shall have no financial interest in any concern
 83.19 engaged in any such business.

83.20 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.244, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

83.23 (1) when owned or leased, operated and maintained by any employer whose
 83.24 maintenance electricians are exempt from licensing under sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
 83.25 326B.31 to 326B.399, while performing electrical maintenance work only as defined
 83.26 by board rule;

83.27 (2) when owned or leased, and operated and maintained by any ~~electric~~ electrical,
 83.28 communications, or railway utility, cable communications company as defined in section
 83.29 238.02, or telephone company as defined under section 237.01, in the exercise of its
 83.30 utility, antenna, or telephone function; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84.22 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.2441, is amended to read:

84.23 **326.2441 INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE.**

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

84.26 Subd. 2. **Fee for each separate inspection.** The minimum fee for each separate
84.27 inspection of an installation, replacement, alteration, or repair is ~~\$20;~~ \$35. Except as
84.28 otherwise provided in this section, the maximum number of separate inspections allowed
84.29 without payment of an additional fee is the whole number resulting from dividing by
84.30 35 the total fee calculated in accordance with this section. Where additional separate
84.31 inspections are necessary, additional fees are required to result in a value equal to the total
84.32 number of separate inspections multiplied by 35. The fee for any inspections needed after
84.33 a "final inspection" is performed shall be calculated without consideration of any fee
84.34 paid before the final inspection.

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

- 85.5 (1) 0 ampere to and including 400 ampere capacity, ~~\$25~~ \$35;
- 85.6 (2) 401 ampere to and including 800 ampere capacity, ~~\$50~~ \$60; and
- 85.7 (3) ampere capacity above 800, ~~\$75~~ \$100.

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

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

- 85.15 (1) 0 ampere to and including 200 ampere capacity, ~~\$5~~ \$6; and
- 85.16 (2) ampere capacity above 200, ~~\$10~~ \$15.

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

85.20 Subd. 5. ~~Limitations to fees of subdivisions 3 and 4~~ **Inspection fee for dwellings.**

85.21 (a) The inspection fee for a one-family dwelling and each dwelling unit of a two-family
 85.22 dwelling ~~with a supply of up to 500 amperes where a combination of ten or more sources~~
 85.23 ~~of supply, feeders, or circuits are installed, added, altered, repaired, or extended is \$80.~~ is
 85.24 the following:

- 85.25 (1) the fee for each service or other source of power as provided in subdivision 3;
- 85.26 (2) \$100 for up to 30 feeders and circuits; and
- 85.27 (3) for each additional feeder or circuit, the fee as provided in subdivision 4.

85.28 This fee applies to each separate installation for new dwellings and ~~additions, alterations,~~
 85.29 ~~or repairs to existing dwellings and includes not more than two inspections.~~ where 15
 85.30 or more feeders or circuits are installed or extended in connection with any addition,
 85.31 alteration, or repair to existing dwellings. Where existing feeders and circuits are
 85.32 reconnected to overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement of an existing
 85.33 panelboard, the fee for each reconnected feeder or circuit is \$2. The maximum number
 85.34 of separate inspections shall be determined in accordance with subdivision 2. The
 85.35 fee for additional inspections or other installations is that specified in subdivisions 2
 85.36 ~~to~~, 4, 6, and 8. The installer may submit fees for additional inspections when filing the

86.1 request for electrical inspection. The fee for each detached accessory structure directly
 86.2 associated with a dwelling unit shall be calculated in accordance with subdivisions 3 and
 86.3 4. When included on the same request for electrical inspection form, inspection fees for
 86.4 detached accessory structures directly associated with the dwelling unit may be combined
 86.5 with the dwelling unit fees to determine the maximum number of separate inspections in
 86.6 accordance with subdivision 2.

86.7 (b) The inspection fee for each dwelling unit of a multifamily dwelling with three
 86.8 to 12 or more dwelling units is \$50 and the fee for each additional dwelling unit is \$25.
 86.9 \$70 for a combination of up to 20 feeders and circuits and \$6 for each additional feeder
 86.10 or circuit. This fee applies to each separate installation for each new dwelling unit and
 86.11 where ten or more feeders or circuits are installed or extended in connection with any
 86.12 addition, alteration, or repair to existing dwelling units. Where existing feeders or circuits
 86.13 are reconnected to overcurrent devices installed as part of the replacement of an existing
 86.14 panelboard, the fee for each reconnected feeder or circuit is \$2. The maximum number
 86.15 of separate inspections for each dwelling unit shall be determined in accordance with
 86.16 subdivision 2. The fee for additional inspections or for inspection of other installations
 86.17 is that specified in subdivisions 2, 4, 6, and 8. These fees include only inspection of the
 86.18 wiring within individual dwelling units and the final feeder to that unit. This limitation is
 86.19 subject to the following conditions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

87.21 (h) The fee for all wiring installed on center pivot irrigation booms is ~~\$40~~ \$35 plus
 87.22 \$5 for each electrical drive unit.

87.23 (i) The fee for retrofit modifications to existing lighting fixtures is 25 cents per
 87.24 ~~lighting fixture~~ luminaire.

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

87.27 (k) The fees required by subdivisions 3 and 4 are doubled for installations over
 87.28 600 volts.

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

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

87.34 (b) An investigation fee, in addition to the full fee required by subdivisions 1
 87.35 to 6, shall be paid before an inspection is made. The investigation fee is two times the
 87.36 ~~hourly rate~~ minimum fee specified in subdivision ~~10~~ 2 or the inspection fee required

88.1 by subdivisions 1 to 6, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$1,000. The payment of the
88.2 investigation fee does not exempt any person from compliance with all other provisions of
88.3 the ~~board~~ department rules or statutes nor from any penalty prescribed by law.

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

88.9 Subd. 9. **Supplemental fee.** When inspections scheduled by the installer are
88.10 preempted, obstructed, prevented, or otherwise not able to be completed as scheduled due
88.11 to circumstances beyond the control of the inspector, a supplemental inspection fee of
88.12 ~~\$20 may~~ \$35 shall be assessed in writing by the inspector.

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

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

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

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

88.33 (d) An owner, operator, or appointed representative of a transitory enterprise
88.34 including, but not limited to, festivals, fairs, carnivals, circuses, production companies,
88.35 shows, portable road construction plants, and similar enterprises shall notify the ~~board~~
88.36 commissioner of its itinerary or schedule and make application for initial inspection a

89.1 minimum of 14 days before its first engagement or setup. An owner, operator, or appointed
89.2 representative of a transitory enterprise who fails to notify the ~~board~~ commissioner 14
89.3 days before its first engagement or setup may be subject to the investigation fees specified
89.4 in subdivision 7. The owner, operator, or appointed representative shall request inspection
89.5 and pay the inspection fee for each subsequent engagement or setup at the time of the initial
89.6 inspection. For subsequent engagements or setups not listed on the itinerary or schedule
89.7 submitted to the ~~board~~ commissioner and where the ~~board~~ commissioner is not notified at
89.8 least 48 hours in advance, a charge of \$100 may be made in addition to all required fees.

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

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

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

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

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

89.24 Subd. 11a. **Negotiated fee.** When the fee calculated in accordance with subdivisions
89.25 2 to 11 results in a total fee that unreasonably exceeds the cost of inspection, the
89.26 commissioner may negotiate a fee that more reasonably offsets the cost of inspection.

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

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

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

90.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.245, is amended to read:

90.2 **326.245 MANUFACTURED ELECTRICAL PARTS; EXEMPTION.**

90.3 Subdivision 1. **Manufacturers.** Electrical components, apparatus, or appliances
90.4 being manufactured within the limits of property which is owned or leased by a
90.5 manufacturer and such manufacturer's production employees are not covered by sections
90.6 ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

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

90.13 Subd. 3. **Other units.** Planning, laying out, and installation of heating, ventilating,
90.14 air conditioning, or refrigeration units are not covered by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~
90.15 326B.31 to 326B.399. For purposes of this section, heating, ventilating, air conditioning,
90.16 or refrigeration units include, but are not limited to, air conditioning units, air conditioning
90.17 evaporators, air conditioning condensers, air conditioning and refrigeration chillers,
90.18 boilers, furnaces, air handling units, rooftop units, humidifiers, ice makers, and
90.19 supermarket, ice arena, and bar/restaurant equipment. The installation of electrical wiring
90.20 to the unit is covered by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

90.21 Subd. 4. **Other equipment.** Planning, laying out, alteration, replacement, or
90.22 repair of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration equipment, and associated
90.23 devices, controls, and wiring including wiring in or on the equipment, are not covered
90.24 by sections ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399 when the work is performed by an
90.25 employee of a heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration contractor provided
90.26 that the employee performing the work has received a certificate of completion from a
90.27 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration apprenticeship program approved
90.28 by the state of Minnesota or any class of personal ~~electrical~~ license issued by the ~~board~~
90.29 commissioner. Employees registered in an approved heating, ventilating, air conditioning,
90.30 or refrigeration program may design, plan, alter, replace, or repair heating, ventilating, air
90.31 conditioning, or refrigeration equipment, devices, and controls including wiring in or on
90.32 the equipment, under the direction of an employee who has a certificate of completion
90.33 from an approved program or any class of personal ~~electrical~~ license issued by the ~~board~~
90.34 commissioner. The installation of electrical wiring to the unit is covered by sections
90.35 ~~326.241 to 326.248~~ 326B.31 to 326B.399.

91.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.248, is amended to read:

91.2 **326.248 CITATION.**

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

91.5 Sec. 31. **326B.31 DEFINITIONS.**

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

91.8 Subd. 2. Class A electrical contractor. "Class A electrical contractor" means a
91.9 licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed Class A master
91.10 electrician.

91.11 Subd. 7. Class B electrical contractor. "Class B electrical contractor" means a
91.12 licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed Class B master
91.13 electrician.

91.14 Subd. 23. Personal license. "Personal license" means any license issued by the
91.15 commissioner under section 326B.33 or the rules adopted under section 326B.33, except a
91.16 contractor's license.

91.17 Subd. 27. Responsible licensed individual. A contractor's "responsible licensed
91.18 individual" means the licensed Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician,
91.19 master elevator constructor, or power limited technician designated in writing by the
91.20 contractor in the contractor's license application, or in another manner acceptable to the
91.21 commissioner, as the individual responsible for the contractor's compliance with sections
91.22 326B.31 to 326B.399 and all rules and orders adopted or issued under these sections. The
91.23 terms "licensed responsible individual" and "licensed responsible master electrician or
91.24 power limited technician" are synonymous.

91.25 Subd. 32. Technology system contractor. "Technology system contractor" means
91.26 a licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a licensed power limited
91.27 technician.

91.28 Sec. 32. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

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

91.32	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
91.33	<u>326.01, subd. 2</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 6</u>
91.34	<u>326.01, subd. 3</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 5</u>

92.1	<u>326.01, subd. 4</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 28</u>
92.2	<u>326.01, subd. 5</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 12</u>
92.3	<u>326.01, subd. 6</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 10</u>
92.4	<u>326.01, subd. 6a</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 9</u>
92.5	<u>326.01, subd. 6b</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 4</u>
92.6	<u>326.01, subd. 6c</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 8</u>
92.7	<u>326.01, subd. 6e</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 22</u>
92.8	<u>326.01, subd. 6f</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 15</u>
92.9	<u>326.01, subd. 6g</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 14</u>
92.10	<u>326.01, subd. 6i</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 13</u>
92.11	<u>326.01, subd. 6j</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 26</u>
92.12	<u>326.01, subd. 6k</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 24</u>
92.13	<u>326.01, subd. 6l</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 31</u>
92.14	<u>326.01, subd. 6m</u>	<u>326B.31, subd. 25</u>
92.15	<u>326.2415</u>	<u>326B.32</u>
92.16	<u>326.242</u>	<u>326B.33</u>
92.17	<u>326.2421</u>	<u>326B.34</u>
92.18	<u>326.243</u>	<u>326B.35</u>
92.19	<u>326.244</u>	<u>326B.36</u>
92.20	<u>326.2441</u>	<u>326B.37</u>
92.21	<u>326.245</u>	<u>326B.38</u>
92.22	<u>326.247</u>	<u>326B.39</u>
92.23	<u>326.248</u>	<u>326B.399</u>

92.24 **Sec. 33. REPEALER.**

92.25 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 326.01, subdivision 4; 326.241; and 326.247, are
 92.26 repealed.

92.27 **ARTICLE 6**
 92.28 **PLUMBING**

92.29 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.37, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

92.30 **Subd. 6. Scope; limitations.** (a) This section applies to a sales representative who,
 92.31 during some part of the period of the sales representative agreement:

92.32 (1) is a resident of Minnesota or maintains that person's principal place of business
 92.33 in Minnesota; or

92.34 (2) whose geographical territory specified in the sales representative agreement
 92.35 includes part or all of Minnesota.

93.1 (b) To be effective, any demand for arbitration under subdivision 5 must be made
 93.2 in writing and delivered to the principal on or before one year after the effective date of
 93.3 the termination of the agreement.

93.4 (c) A provision in any contract between a sales representative dealing in plumbing
 93.5 equipment or supplies and a principal purporting to waive any provision of this act,
 93.6 whether by express waiver or by a provision stipulating that the contract is subject to the
 93.7 laws of another state, shall be void.

93.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

93.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

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

93.19 **326.37 RULES; AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES; CAPACITY**
 93.20 **STANDARDS; LICENSE EXEMPTION.**

93.21 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** ~~The state commissioner of health~~ Plumbing Board may, by
 93.22 rule, prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform; and which ~~standards~~ shall
 93.23 ~~thereafter~~ be effective for all new plumbing installations, including additions, extensions,
 93.24 alterations, and replacements connected with any water or sewage disposal system owned
 93.25 or operated by or for any municipality, institution, factory, office building, hotel, apartment
 93.26 building, or any other place of business regardless of location or the population of the city
 93.27 or town in which the installation is to be located. Notwithstanding the provisions of
 93.28 Minnesota Rules, part 4715.3130, as they apply to review of plans and specifications,
 93.29 the commissioner may allow plumbing construction, alteration, or extension to proceed
 93.30 without approval of the plans or specifications by the commissioner.

93.31 The commissioner shall administer the provisions of sections ~~326.37~~ 326.361 to
 93.32 ~~326.45~~ 326.44 and for such purposes may employ plumbing inspectors and other assistants.

- 94.1 Subd. 1a. **Agreements with municipalities.** The commissioner may enter into an
94.2 agreement with a municipality, in which the municipality agrees to perform plan and
94.3 specification reviews required to be performed by the commissioner under Minnesota
94.4 Rules, part 4715.3130, if:
- 94.5 (a) the municipality has adopted:
- 94.6 (1) the plumbing code;
- 94.7 (2) an ordinance that requires plumbing plans and specifications to be submitted to,
94.8 reviewed, and approved by the municipality, except as provided in paragraph (h);
- 94.9 (3) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to perform inspections required by
94.10 the plumbing code; and
- 94.11 (4) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to enforce the plumbing code in its
94.12 entirety, except as provided in paragraph (p);
- 94.13 (b) the municipality agrees to review plumbing plans and specifications for all
94.14 construction for which the plumbing code requires the review of plumbing plans and
94.15 specifications, except as provided in paragraph (n);
- 94.16 (c) the municipality agrees that, when it reviews plumbing plans and specifications
94.17 under paragraph (b), the review will:
- 94.18 (1) reflect the degree to which the plans and specifications affect the public health
94.19 and conform to the provisions of the plumbing code;
- 94.20 (2) ensure that there is no physical connection between water supply systems that
94.21 are safe for domestic use and those that are unsafe for domestic use; and
- 94.22 (3) ensure that there is no apparatus through which unsafe water may be discharged
94.23 or drawn into a safe water supply system;
- 94.24 (d) the municipality agrees to perform all inspections required by the plumbing
94.25 code in connection with projects for which the municipality reviews plumbing plans and
94.26 specifications under paragraph (b);
- 94.27 (e) the commissioner determines that the individuals who will conduct the
94.28 inspections and the plumbing plan and specification reviews for the municipality do not
94.29 have any conflict of interest in conducting the inspections and the plan and specification
94.30 reviews;
- 94.31 (f) individuals who will conduct the plumbing plan and specification reviews for
94.32 the municipality are:
- 94.33 (1) licensed master plumbers;
- 94.34 (2) licensed professional engineers; or

95.1 (3) individuals who are working under the supervision of a licensed professional
95.2 engineer or licensed master plumber and who are licensed master or journeyman plumbers
95.3 or hold a postsecondary degree in engineering;

95.4 (g) individuals who will conduct the plumbing plan and specification reviews for
95.5 the municipality have passed a competency assessment required by the commissioner to
95.6 assess the individual's competency at reviewing plumbing plans and specifications;

95.7 (h) individuals who will conduct the plumbing inspections for the municipality
95.8 are licensed master or journeyman plumbers, or inspectors meeting the competency
95.9 requirements established in rules adopted under section 16B.655;

95.10 (i) the municipality agrees to enforce in its entirety the plumbing code on all
95.11 projects, except as provided in paragraph (p);

95.12 (j) the municipality agrees to keep official records of all documents received,
95.13 including plans, specifications, surveys, and plot plans, and of all plan reviews, permits
95.14 and certificates issued, reports of inspections, and notices issued in connection with
95.15 plumbing inspections and the review of plumbing plans and specifications;

95.16 (k) the municipality agrees to maintain the records described in paragraph (j) in the
95.17 official records of the municipality for the period required for the retention of public
95.18 records under section 138.17, and shall make these records readily available for review at
95.19 the request of the commissioner;

95.20 (l) the municipality and the commissioner agree that if at any time during the
95.21 agreement the municipality does not have in effect the plumbing code or any of ordinances
95.22 described in item (a), or if the commissioner determines that the municipality is not
95.23 properly administering and enforcing the plumbing code or is otherwise not complying
95.24 with the agreement;

95.25 (1) the commissioner may, effective 14 days after the municipality's receipt of
95.26 written notice, terminate the agreement;

95.27 (2) the municipality may challenge the termination in a contested case before the
95.28 commissioner pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; and

95.29 (3) while any challenge is pending under item (2), the commissioner shall perform
95.30 plan and specification reviews within the municipality under Minnesota Rules, part
95.31 4715.3130;

95.32 (m) the municipality and the commissioner agree that the municipality may terminate
95.33 the agreement with or without cause on 90 days' written notice to the commissioner;

95.34 (n) the municipality and the commissioner agree that the municipality shall forward
95.35 to the state for review all plumbing plans and specifications for the following types of
95.36 projects within the municipality;

96.1 (1) hospitals, nursing homes, supervised living facilities, and similar
96.2 health-care-related facilities regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health;
96.3 (2) buildings owned by the federal or state government; and
96.4 (3) projects of a special nature for which department review is requested by either
96.5 the municipality or the state;

96.6 (o) where the municipality forwards to the state for review plumbing plans and
96.7 specifications, as provided in paragraph (n), the municipality shall not collect any fee for
96.8 plan review, and the commissioner shall collect all applicable fees for plan review; and

96.9 (p) no municipality shall revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any plumbing
96.10 license issued by the state.

96.11 Subd. 1b. **Existing agreements with municipalities.** Any agreement between the
96.12 commissioner and a municipality in which the municipality has agreed to perform plan
96.13 and specification reviews required to be performed by the commissioner under Minnesota
96.14 Rules, part 4715.3130, that is in effect on the effective date of subdivision 1a, shall
96.15 remain in effect and shall not be required to be in compliance with subdivision 1a. If any
96.16 agreement to perform plan and specification reviews required to be performed by the
96.17 commissioner under Minnesota Rules, part 4715.3130, in effect on the effective date of
96.18 subdivision 1a is later terminated by operation of the terms of the agreement or by either
96.19 the commissioner or the municipality, or expires, then any new agreement between the
96.20 commissioner and the municipality to perform plan and specification reviews required to
96.21 be performed by the commissioner under Minnesota Rules, part 4715.3130, shall comply
96.22 with subdivision 1a.

96.23 Subd. 2. **Standards for capacity.** ~~By January 1, 1993,~~ All new floor-mounted water
96.24 closets in areas under jurisdiction of the ~~State~~ plumbing code may not have a flush volume
96.25 of more than 1.6 gallons. The water closets must meet the standards ~~of the commissioner~~
96.26 ~~and~~ in the plumbing code and the standards of the American National Standards Institute.

96.27 Subd. 3. **Exemption.** No license or registration authorized by ~~this section~~ sections

96.28 326.361 to 326.44 shall be required of any ~~contractor or employee~~ individual engaged

96.29 in or employed by a person engaged in the work or business of pipe laying outside of

96.30 buildings if such ~~person~~ individual or employer is engaged in a business or trade which

96.31 has traditionally performed such work within the state prior to January 1, 1994.

96.32 Subd. 4. **Air admittance valves and water-free urinals prohibited.** (a)
96.33 Mechanical devices and fittings with internal moving parts are prohibited from installation
96.34 in plumbing venting systems.

96.35 (b) All urinals covered under the jurisdiction of the state plumbing code must have a
96.36 water flush device with a volume of not more than one gallon per use.

97.1 Sec. 5. [326.3705] PLUMBING BOARD.

97.2 Subdivision 1. Composition. (a) The plumbing board shall consist of 15 members.
97.3 Eleven members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the
97.4 senate and shall be voting members. Appointments of members by the governor shall be
97.5 made in accordance with section 15.066. If the senate votes to refuse to consent to an
97.6 appointment of a member made by the governor, the governor shall appoint a new member
97.7 with the advice and consent of the senate. One member shall be the commissioner of
97.8 labor and industry or the commissioner of labor and industry's designee, who shall be a
97.9 voting member. One member shall be the commissioner of health or the commissioner of
97.10 health's designee, who shall not be a voting member. Of the 13 appointed members, the
97.11 composition shall be as follows:

97.12 (1) two members shall be municipal plumbing inspectors, one from the metropolitan
97.13 area and one from greater Minnesota;

97.14 (2) one member shall be a licensed professional engineer specializing in plumbing
97.15 designs or systems;

97.16 (3) two members shall be commercial/industrial plumbing contractors, one from the
97.17 metropolitan area and one from greater Minnesota;

97.18 (4) one member shall be a residential plumbing contractor;

97.19 (5) two members shall be commercial/industrial journeymen, one from the
97.20 metropolitan area and one from greater Minnesota;

97.21 (6) one member shall be a residential plumbing journeyman;

97.22 (7) one member shall be a water conditioning contractor;

97.23 (8) one member shall be a municipal public water supply system operator or
97.24 superintendent; and

97.25 (9) two members shall be public members as defined by section 214.02.

97.26 One of the municipal plumbing inspectors shall be appointed for an initial term to end on
97.27 December 31, 2010. The other municipal plumbing inspector shall be appointed for an
97.28 initial term to end on December 31, 2011. The professional engineer shall be appointed for
97.29 an initial term to end on December 31, 2011. One of the commercial/industrial plumbing
97.30 contractors shall be appointed for an initial term to end on December 31, 2010. The other
97.31 commercial/industrial plumbing contractor shall be appointed for an initial term to end
97.32 on December 31, 2011. The residential plumbing contractor shall be appointed for an
97.33 initial term to end on December 31, 2010. One of the commercial/industrial plumbing
97.34 journeymen shall be appointed for an initial term to end on December 31, 2011. The other
97.35 commercial/industrial plumbing journeyman shall be appointed for an initial term to end
97.36 on December 31, 2010. The residential plumbing journeyman shall be appointed for an

98.1 initial term to end on December 31, 2011. The water conditioning contractor shall be
98.2 appointed for an initial term to end on December 31, 2011. The municipal public water
98.3 supply system operator or superintendent shall be appointed for an initial term to end
98.4 on December 31, 2010.

98.5 (b) The licensed professional engineer must possess a current Minnesota professional
98.6 engineering license and maintain the license for the duration of their term. All other
98.7 appointed members, except for the water conditioning contractor and the municipal public
98.8 water supply system operator or superintendent, must possess a current plumbing license
98.9 issued by the Department of Labor and Industry and maintain that license for the duration
98.10 of their term. The water conditioning contractor must be licensed as a water conditioning
98.11 contractor by the Department of Labor and Industry and maintain the license for the
98.12 duration of the term on the board. All appointed members must be residents of Minnesota
98.13 at the time of and throughout the member's appointment. The term of any appointed
98.14 member that does not maintain membership qualification status shall end on the date of
98.15 the status change and the governor shall appoint a new member. It is the responsibility of
98.16 the member to notify the board of the member's status change.

98.17 (c) For appointed members, except the initial terms designated in paragraph (a), each
98.18 term shall be three years with the terms ending on December 31. Members appointed by
98.19 the governor shall be limited to three consecutive terms. The governor shall, all or in part,
98.20 reappoint the current members or appoint replacement members with the advice and
98.21 consent of the senate. Midterm vacancies shall be filled for the remaining portion of the
98.22 term. Vacancies occurring with less than six months time remaining in the term shall be
98.23 filled for the existing term and the following three-year term. Members may serve until
98.24 their successors are appointed but in no case later than July 1 in a year in which the term
98.25 expires unless reappointed.

98.26 Subd. 2. **Powers; duties; administrative support.** (a) The board shall have the
98.27 power to:

98.28 (1) elect its chair, vice-chair, and secretary;

98.29 (2) adopt bylaws that specify the duties of its officers, the meeting dates of the board,
98.30 and containing such other provisions as may be useful and necessary for the efficient
98.31 conduct of the business of the board;

98.32 (3) adopt the plumbing code that must be followed in this state and any plumbing
98.33 code amendments thereto. The board shall adopt the plumbing code and any amendments
98.34 thereto pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision 6, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d);

98.35 (4) review requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations as provided
98.36 in section 16B.63, subdivision 5;

99.1 (5) except for rules regulating continuing education, adopt rules that regulate the
99.2 licensure or registration of plumbing contractors, journeymen, apprentices, master
99.3 plumbers, restricted master plumbers, and restricted journeymen and other persons
99.4 engaged in the design, installation, and alteration of plumbing systems, except for those
99.5 individuals licensed under sections 326.02, subdivisions 2 and 3. The board shall adopt
99.6 these rules pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision 6, paragraphs (e) and (f);

99.7 (6) advise the commissioner regarding educational requirements for plumbing
99.8 inspectors;

99.9 (7) refer complaints or other communications to the commissioner, whether oral or
99.10 written, as provided in subdivision 7, that alleges or implies a violation of a statute, rule,
99.11 or order that the commissioner has the authority to enforce pertaining to code compliance,
99.12 licensure, or an offering to perform or performance of unlicensed plumbing services;

99.13 (8) approve per diem and expenses deemed necessary for its members as provided in
99.14 subdivision 3;

99.15 (9) approve license reciprocity agreements;

99.16 (10) select from its members individuals to serve on any other state advisory council,
99.17 board, or committee; and

99.18 (11) recommend the fees for licenses and certifications.

99.19 Except for the powers granted to the Plumbing Board, the Board of Electricity, and the
99.20 Board of High Pressure Piping Systems, the commissioner of labor and industry shall
99.21 administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and any rules promulgated pursuant
99.22 thereto.

99.23 (b) The board shall comply with section 15.0597, subdivisions 2 and 4.

99.24 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate the board's rulemaking and recommendations
99.25 with the recommendations and rulemaking conducted by the other boards created pursuant
99.26 to chapter 326B. The commissioner shall provide staff support to the board. The support
99.27 includes professional, legal, technical, and clerical staff necessary to perform rulemaking
99.28 and other duties assigned to the board. The commissioner of labor and industry shall
99.29 supply necessary office space and supplies to assist the board in its duties.

99.30 Subd. 3. **Compensation.** (a) Members of the board may be compensated at a rate
99.31 of \$55 a day spent on board activities, when authorized by the board, plus expenses in
99.32 the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under
99.33 section 43A.18, subdivision 2. Members who, as a result of time spent attending board
99.34 meetings, incur child care expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred, may be
99.35 reimbursed for those expenses upon board authorization.

100.1 (b) Members who are state employees or employees of the political subdivisions
100.2 of the state must not receive the daily payment for activities that occur during working
100.3 hours for which they are compensated by the state or political subdivision. However, a
100.4 state or political subdivision employee may receive the daily payment if the employee
100.5 uses vacation time or compensatory time accumulated in accordance with a collective
100.6 bargaining agreement or compensation plan for board activities. Members who are state
100.7 employees or employees of the political subdivisions of the state may receive the expenses
100.8 provided for in this subdivision unless the expenses are reimbursed by another source.
100.9 Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions of the state
100.10 may be reimbursed for child care expenses only for time spent on board activities that
100.11 are outside their working hours.

100.12 (c) The board shall adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent
100.13 on board activities for purposes of making daily payments under this subdivision.

100.14 Subd. 4. **Removal; vacancies.** (a) An appointed member of the board may be
100.15 removed by the governor at any time (1) for cause, after notice and hearing, or (2) after
100.16 missing three consecutive meetings. The chair of the board shall inform the governor of an
100.17 appointed member missing the three consecutive meetings. After the second consecutive
100.18 missed meeting and before the next meeting, the secretary of the board shall notify the
100.19 appointed member in writing that the member may be removed for missing the next
100.20 meeting. In the case of a vacancy on the board, the governor shall, with the advice
100.21 and consent of the senate, appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the
100.22 unexpired term.

100.23 (b) Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to section 15.0597, subdivisions 5 and 6.

100.24 Subd. 5. **Membership vacancies within three months of appointment.**
100.25 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when a membership on the board becomes
100.26 vacant within three months after being filled through the appointments process, the
100.27 governor may, upon notification to the office of secretary of state, choose a new member
100.28 from the applications on hand and need not repeat the process.

100.29 Subd. 6. **Officers, quorum, voting.** (a) The board shall elect annually from its
100.30 members a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. A quorum of the board shall consist of a
100.31 majority of members of the board qualified to vote on the matter in question. All questions
100.32 concerning the manner in which a meeting is conducted or called that is not covered
100.33 by statute shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order (revised) unless otherwise
100.34 specified by the bylaws.

100.35 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), each plumbing code amendment considered
100.36 by the board that receives an affirmative two-thirds or more majority vote of all of the

101.1 voting members of the board shall be included in the next plumbing code rulemaking
101.2 proceeding initiated by the board. If a plumbing code amendment considered, or
101.3 reconsidered, by the board receives less than a two-thirds majority vote of all the voting
101.4 members of the board, the plumbing code amendment shall not be included in the next
101.5 plumbing code rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board.

101.6 (c) If the plumbing code amendment considered by the board is to replace the
101.7 Minnesota Plumbing Code with a model plumbing code, then the amendment may only be
101.8 included in the next plumbing code rulemaking proceeding if it receives an affirmative
101.9 two-thirds or more majority vote of all the voting members of the board.

101.10 (d) The board may reconsider plumbing code amendments during an active
101.11 plumbing code rulemaking proceeding in which the amendment previously failed to
101.12 receive a two-thirds majority vote or more of all the voting members of the board only if
101.13 new or updated information that affects the plumbing code amendment is presented to the
101.14 board. The board may also reconsider failed plumbing code amendments in subsequent
101.15 plumbing code rulemaking proceedings.

101.16 (e) Each proposed rule and rule amendment considered by the board pursuant to the
101.17 rulemaking authority specified in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5), that receives an
101.18 affirmative majority vote of all the voting members of the board shall be included in the
101.19 next rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board. If a proposed rule or rule amendment
101.20 considered, or reconsidered, by the board receives less than an affirmative majority vote of
101.21 all the voting members of the board, the proposed rule or rule amendment shall not be
101.22 included in the next rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board.

101.23 (f) The board may reconsider proposed rules or rule amendments during an
101.24 active rulemaking proceeding in which the amendment previously failed to receive an
101.25 affirmative majority vote of all the voting members of the board only if new or updated
101.26 information that affects the proposed rule or rule amendment is presented to the board.
101.27 The board may also reconsider failed proposed rules or rule amendments in subsequent
101.28 rulemaking proceedings.

101.29 Subd. 6a. **Board meetings.** (a) The board shall hold meetings at such times as the
101.30 board shall specify. Notice and conduct of all meetings shall be pursuant to chapter 13D
101.31 and in such a manner as the bylaws may provide.

101.32 (b) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the board may conduct a
101.33 meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following
101.34 conditions are met:

101.35 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical
101.36 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

102.1 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can
102.2 hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board and, if
102.3 needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

102.4 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting
102.5 location; and

102.6 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be
102.7 identified and recorded.

102.8 Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic
102.9 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and
102.10 participating in all proceedings.

102.11 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
102.12 emergency meeting, the board, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor
102.13 the meeting electronically from a remote location. The board may require the person
102.14 making such a connection to pay for documented costs that the board incurs as a result of
102.15 the additional connection.

102.16 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
102.17 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the
102.18 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that
102.19 a person may monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Any person
102.20 monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location may be required to pay
102.21 documented costs incurred by the board as a result of the additional connection. The
102.22 timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

102.23 Subd. 7. **Complaints.** (a) The board shall promptly forward to the commissioner
102.24 the substance of any complaint or communication it receives, whether written or oral,
102.25 that alleges or implies a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the commissioner has
102.26 the authority to enforce pertaining to the license or registration of any person authorized
102.27 by the department to provide plumbing services, the performance or offering to perform
102.28 plumbing services requiring licensure by an unlicensed person, or plumbing code
102.29 compliance. Each complaint or communication that is forwarded to the commissioner
102.30 shall be submitted on a form provided by the commissioner.

102.31 (b) The commissioner shall advise the board of the status of the complaint within 90
102.32 days after the board's written submission is received, or within 90 days after the board
102.33 is provided with a written request for additional information or documentation from the
102.34 commissioner or the commissioner's designee, whichever is later. The commissioner shall
102.35 advise the board of the disposition of a complaint referred by the board within 180 days

103.1 after the board's written submission is received. The commissioner shall annually report to
 103.2 the board a summary of the actions taken in response to complaints referred by the board.

103.3 Subd. 8. **Data Practices Act.** The board is subject to chapter 13, the Minnesota
 103.4 Government Data Practices Act, and shall protect from unlawful disclosure data classified
 103.5 as not public.

103.6 Subd. 9. **Official records.** The board shall make and preserve all records necessary
 103.7 to a full and accurate knowledge of its official activities in accordance with section 15.17.

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

103.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.38, is amended to read:

103.10 **326.38 LOCAL REGULATIONS.**

103.11 ~~Any city having a system of waterworks or sewerage, or any town in which reside~~
 103.12 ~~over 5,000 people exclusive of any statutory cities located therein, or the metropolitan~~
 103.13 ~~airports commission, Any of the following entities may, by ordinance, adopt local~~
 103.14 ~~regulations providing for plumbing permits, bonds, approval of plans and specifications,~~
 103.15 ~~and inspections of plumbing, which regulations are not in conflict with the plumbing~~
 103.16 ~~standards on the same subject prescribed by the state commissioner of health. code: any~~
 103.17 ~~city having a system of waterworks or sewerage, regardless of population; any town~~
 103.18 ~~having a population of 5,000 or more according to the last federal census, exclusive of any~~
 103.19 ~~statutory cities located therein; and the Metropolitan Airports Commission. No city or~~
 103.20 ~~such town such entity shall prohibit plumbers licensed by the state commissioner of health~~
 103.21 ~~from engaging in or working at the business of plumbing, except cities and statutory cities~~
 103.22 ~~which, prior to April 21, 1933, by ordinance required the licensing of plumbers. No such~~
 103.23 ~~entity shall require any person who engages in the business of plumbing to post a bond~~
 103.24 ~~as a prerequisite for engaging in the business of plumbing, except the bond to the state~~
 103.25 ~~required under section 326.40 and except any performance bond required under a contract~~
 103.26 ~~with the person for the performance of plumbing work for the entity. No such entity shall~~
 103.27 ~~require any person who engages in the business of plumbing to maintain public liability~~
 103.28 ~~insurance as a prerequisite for engaging in the business of plumbing, except the insurance~~
 103.29 ~~required under section 326.40 and except any public liability insurance required under~~
 103.30 ~~a contract with the person for the performance of plumbing work for the entity. No city~~
 103.31 ~~or town may require a license for persons performing building sewer or water service~~
 103.32 ~~installation who have completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner~~
 103.33 ~~of labor and industry. Any city by ordinance may prescribe regulations, reasonable~~
 103.34 ~~standards, and inspections and grant permits to any person, firm, or corporation engaged~~

104.1 in the business of installing water softeners, who is not licensed as a master plumber or
 104.2 journeyman plumber by the ~~state commissioner of health~~, to connect water softening and
 104.3 water filtering equipment to private residence water distribution systems, where provision
 104.4 has been previously made therefor and openings left for that purpose or by use of cold
 104.5 water connections to a domestic water heater; where it is not necessary to rearrange, make
 104.6 any extension or alteration of, or addition to any pipe, fixture or plumbing connected with
 104.7 the water system except to connect the water softener, and provided the connections so
 104.8 made comply with minimum standards prescribed by the ~~state commissioner of health~~
 104.9 Plumbing Board.

104.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.39, is amended to read:

104.11 **326.39 VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO STATE COMMISSIONER**
 104.12 **~~OF HEALTH.~~**

104.13 Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance of
 104.14 such plumbing permits and approval of such plans shall report to the ~~state commissioner~~
 104.15 ~~of health~~ persistent or willful violation of the same and any incompetence of a licensed
 104.16 plumber observed by the local authority.

104.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.40, is amended to read:

104.18 **326.40 LICENSING, BOND AND INSURANCE.**

104.19 Subdivision 1. ~~License required; master and journeyman plumbers.~~ In any city
 104.20 ~~now or hereafter having 5,000 or more population, according to the last federal census,~~
 104.21 ~~and having a system of waterworks or sewerage; (a) No person, firm, or corporation shall~~
 104.22 engage in or work at the business of a master plumber ~~or, restricted master plumber,~~
 104.23 journeyman plumber, restricted journeyman plumber unless licensed to do so by
 104.24 the state commissioner ~~of health~~. A license is not required for individuals performing
 104.25 building sewer or water service installation who have completed pipe laying training
 104.26 as prescribed by the commissioner of labor and industry. A master plumber may also
 104.27 work as a journeyman plumber, restricted journeyman plumber, and a restricted master
 104.28 plumber. A journeyman plumber may also work as a restricted journeyman plumber.
 104.29 Anyone not so licensed may do plumbing work which complies with the provisions of the
 104.30 minimum ~~standard~~ standards prescribed by the ~~state commissioner of health~~ Plumbing
 104.31 Board on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by the worker as
 104.32 a residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

104.33 ~~In any such city (b) No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of~~
 104.34 planning, superintending, or installing plumbing ~~nor or shall~~ install plumbing in connection

105.1 with the dealing in and selling of plumbing material and supplies unless at all times a
 105.2 licensed master plumber, or in cities and towns with a population of fewer than 5,000
 105.3 according to the federal census, a restricted master plumber, who shall be responsible for
 105.4 proper installation, is in charge of the plumbing work of the person, firm, or corporation.

105.5 ~~The Department of Health shall prescribe rules, not inconsistent herewith, for the~~
 105.6 ~~examination and licensing of plumbers.~~

105.7 Subd. 2. **Bond; insurance.** Any person contracting to do plumbing work must give
 105.8 bond to the state in the amount of \$25,000 for all work entered into within the state. The
 105.9 bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of
 105.10 failure to comply with the requirements of the State Plumbing Code. ~~A The bond given to~~
 105.11 ~~the state shall be filed with the commissioner of health and shall be in lieu of all other~~
 105.12 ~~bonds to any political subdivision required for plumbing work.~~ The bond shall be written
 105.13 by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state.

105.14 In addition, each applicant for a master plumber license or renewal thereof, ~~may~~
 105.15 shall provide evidence of public liability insurance, including products liability insurance
 105.16 with limits of at least \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and property
 105.17 damage insurance with limits of at least \$10,000. The insurance shall be written by an
 105.18 insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota and each licensed master plumber
 105.19 shall maintain on file with the ~~state~~ commissioner of health a certificate evidencing the
 105.20 insurance providing that the insurance shall not be canceled without the insurer first giving
 105.21 15 days written notice to the commissioner. The term of the insurance shall be concurrent
 105.22 with the term of the license. ~~The certificate shall be in lieu of all other certificates required~~
 105.23 ~~by any political subdivision for licensing purposes.~~

105.24 Subd. 3. **Bond and insurance exemption.** ~~If a master plumber who is an employee~~
 105.25 ~~of a master plumber or who is an employee engaged within the limits of property owned,~~
 105.26 ~~leased and operated, or maintained by the employer, in the maintenance and repair of~~
 105.27 ~~plumbing equipment, apparatus, or facilities owned or leased by the employer, who is in~~
 105.28 compliance with the bond and insurance requirements of subdivision 2 employs another
 105.29 master plumber, the employee master plumber shall not be required to meet the bond and
 105.30 insurance requirements of subdivision 2. ~~A master plumber who is an employee working~~
 105.31 on the maintenance and repair of plumbing equipment, apparatus, or facilities owned or
 105.32 leased by their employer and which is within the limits of property owned or leased, and
 105.33 operated or maintained by their employer, shall not be required to meet the bond and
 105.34 insurance requirements of subdivision 2.

105.35 Subd. 4. **Alternative compliance.** ~~Compliance with the local bond requirements of~~
 105.36 ~~a locale within which work is to be performed shall be deemed to satisfy the bond and~~

106.1 ~~insurance requirements of subdivision 2, provided the local ordinance requires at least a~~
106.2 ~~\$25,000 bond.~~

106.3 Subd. 5. ~~Fee. The state commissioner of health may charge~~ Each person giving
106.4 bond to the state under subdivision 2 shall pay the department an annual bond filing
106.5 registration fee commensurate with the cost of administering the bond and insurance
106.6 requirements of subdivision 2 of \$40.

106.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that the
106.8 amendments to subdivision 5 are effective July 1, 2007.

106.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.401, is amended to read:

106.10 **326.401 PLUMBER'S APPRENTICES.**

106.11 Subdivision 1. **Registration.** ~~A~~ All plumber's apprentice apprentices must be
106.12 registered. To be a registered plumber's apprentice, an individual must either:

106.13 (1) be an individual employed in the trade of plumbing under an apprenticeship
106.14 agreement approved by the department under Minnesota Rules, part 5200.0300; or

106.15 (2) be an unlicensed individual registered with the commissioner of health on a
106.16 registration application form supplied by the commissioner showing the date of beginning
106.17 training, age, schooling, previous experience, employer, and other information required
106.18 by the commissioner. under subdivision 3. A plumber's apprentice is authorized to
106.19 assist in the installation of plumbing only while under the direct supervision of a master,
106.20 restricted master, journeyman, or restricted journeyman plumber. The master, restricted
106.21 master, journeyman, or restricted journeyman plumber is responsible for ensuring that all
106.22 plumbing work performed by the plumber's apprentice complies with the plumbing code.

106.23 Subd. 2. **Journeyman exam.** A plumber's apprentice who has completed four
106.24 years of practical plumbing experience is eligible to take the journeyman plumbing
106.25 examination. Up to 24 months of practical plumbing experience prior to ~~registration as an~~
106.26 ~~apprentice~~ becoming a plumber's apprentice may be applied to the four-year experience
106.27 requirement. However, none of this practical plumbing experience may be applied if the
106.28 ~~person~~ individual did not have any practical plumbing experience in the 12-month period
106.29 immediately prior to ~~registration~~ becoming a plumber's apprentice. The ~~commissioner~~
106.30 Plumbing Board may adopt rules to evaluate whether the ~~person's~~ individual's past
106.31 practical plumbing experience is applicable in preparing for the journeyman's examination.
106.32 If two years after completing the training the ~~person~~ individual has not taken the
106.33 examination, the four years of experience shall be forfeited.

107.1 The commissioner may allow an extension of the two-year period for taking the
107.2 exam for cases of hardship or other appropriate circumstances.

107.3 Subd. 3. **Registration, rules, applications, renewals, and fees.** ~~The Department~~
107.4 ~~of Health may assess fees to pay for the administration of the apprentice registration~~
107.5 ~~program.~~ An unlicensed individual may register by completing and submitting to the
107.6 commissioner a registration form provided by the commissioner. A completed registration
107.7 form must state the date the individual began training, the individual's age, schooling,
107.8 previous experience, and employer, and other information required by the commissioner.
107.9 The board may prescribe rules, not inconsistent with this section, for the registration of
107.10 unlicensed individuals. Each applicant for initial registration as a plumber's apprentice
107.11 shall pay the department an application fee of \$25. Applications for initial registration
107.12 may be submitted at any time. Registration must be renewed annually and shall be for the
107.13 period from July 1 of each year to June 30 of the following year. Applications for renewal
107.14 registration must be received by the commissioner by June 30 of each registration period
107.15 on forms provided by the commissioner, and must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. An
107.16 application for renewal registration received on or after July 1 in any year but no more
107.17 than three months after expiration of the previously issued registration must pay the past
107.18 due renewal fee plus a late fee of \$25. No applications for renewal registration will be
107.19 accepted more than three months after expiration of the previously issued registration.

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

107.21 Sec. 10. **[326.402] RESTRICTED PLUMBER LICENSE.**

107.22 Subdivision 1. **Licensure.** The commissioner of labor and industry shall grant a
107.23 restricted journeyman or restricted master plumber license to an individual if:

107.24 (1) the individual completes an application with information required by the
107.25 commissioner of labor and industry;

107.26 (2) the completed application is accompanied by a fee of \$30;

107.27 (3) the commissioner of labor and industry receives the completed application and
107.28 fee before January 1, 2008;

107.29 (4) the completed application demonstrates that the applicant has had at least two
107.30 years for a restricted journeyman plumber license or four years for a restricted master
107.31 plumber license of practical plumbing experience in the plumbing trade prior to the
107.32 application; and

107.33 (5) during the entire time for which the applicant is claiming experience in
107.34 contracting for plumbing work under clause (4), the applicant was in compliance with all
107.35 applicable bond requirements of section 326.40.

108.1 Subd. 2. **Use of license.** A restricted master plumber and restricted journeyman
108.2 plumber may engage in the plumbing trade in all areas of the state except in cities and
108.3 towns with a population of more than 5,000 according to the federal census.

108.4 Subd. 3. **Application period.** Applications for restricted master plumber and
108.5 restricted journeyman plumber licenses must be submitted to the commissioner prior
108.6 to January 1, 2008.

108.7 Subd. 4. **Renewal; use period for license.** A restricted master plumber and
108.8 restricted journeyman plumber license must be renewed annually for as long as that
108.9 licensee engages in the plumbing trade. Failure to renew a restricted master plumber and
108.10 restricted journeyman plumber license within 12 months after the expiration date will
108.11 result in permanent forfeiture of the restricted master plumber and restricted journeyman
108.12 plumber license.

108.13 Subd. 5. **Prohibition of transference.** A restricted master plumber and restricted
108.14 journeyman plumber license may not be transferred or sold to any other person.

108.15 Subd. 6. **Bond; insurance.** A restricted master or a restricted journeyman plumber
108.16 licensee is subject to the bond and insurance requirements of section 326.40, subdivision
108.17 2, unless the exemption provided by section 326.40, subdivision 3, applies.

108.18 Subd. 7. **Fee.** The annual fee for the restricted master plumber and restricted
108.19 journeyman plumber licenses is the same fee as for a master or journeyman plumber
108.20 license, respectively.

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

108.22 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.405, is amended to read:

108.23 **326.405 RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER STATES.**

108.24 ~~The commissioner of health may license without examination, upon payment of the~~
108.25 ~~required fee, nonresident applicants who are licensed under the laws of a state having~~
108.26 ~~standards for licensing plumbers which the commissioner determines are substantially~~
108.27 ~~equivalent to the standards of this state if the other state grants similar privileges to~~
108.28 ~~Minnesota residents duly licensed in this state. The commissioner may enter into~~
108.29 reciprocity agreements for personal licenses with another state if approved by the board.
108.30 Once approved by the board, the commissioner may issue a plumber's license without
108.31 requiring the applicant to pass an examination provided the applicant:

108.32 (a) submits an application under section 326.42;

108.33 (b) pays the fee required under section 326.42; and

108.34 (c) holds a valid comparable license in the state participating in the agreement.

109.1 Agreements are subject to the following:

109.2 (1) The parties to the agreement must administer a statewide licensing program that
109.3 includes examination and qualifying experience or training comparable to Minnesota's.

109.4 (2) The experience and training requirements under which an individual applicant
109.5 qualified for examination in the qualifying state must be deemed equal to or greater than
109.6 required for an applicant making application in Minnesota at the time the applicant
109.7 acquired the license in the qualifying state.

109.8 (3) The applicant must have acquired the license in the qualifying state through an
109.9 examination deemed equivalent to the same class of license examination in Minnesota.
109.10 A lesser class of license may be granted where the applicant has acquired a greater
109.11 class of license in the qualifying state and the applicant otherwise meets the conditions
109.12 of this subdivision.

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

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

109.19 (6) An applicant who has failed to renew a plumber's license for two years or more
109.20 after its expiration is not eligible for a license under this subdivision.

109.21 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.42, is amended to read:

109.22 **326.42 APPLICATIONS, FEES.**

109.23 Subdivision 1. **Application.** Applications for plumber's license shall be made to
109.24 the ~~state commissioner of health~~, with fee. Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal,
109.25 the applicant shall be licensed by the ~~state commissioner of health~~ only after passing a
109.26 satisfactory examination developed and administered by the examiners commissioner,
109.27 based upon rules adopted by the Plumbing Board, showing fitness. Examination fees
109.28 for both journeyman and master plumbers shall be ~~in an amount prescribed by the state~~
109.29 ~~commissioner of health pursuant to section 144.122~~ \$50 for each examination. Upon
109.30 being notified ~~that~~ of having successfully passed the examination for original license
109.31 the applicant shall submit an application, with the license fee herein provided. ~~License~~
109.32 ~~fees shall be in an amount prescribed by the state commissioner of health pursuant to~~
109.33 ~~section 144.122. Licenses shall expire and be renewed as prescribed by the commissioner~~
109.34 ~~pursuant to section 144.122.~~ The license fee for each initial and renewal master plumber's
109.35 license shall be \$120. The license fee for each initial and renewal journeyman plumber's

110.1 license shall be \$55. The commissioner may by rule prescribe for the expiration and
 110.2 renewal of licenses. Any licensee who does not renew a license within two years after the
 110.3 license expires is no longer eligible for renewal. Such an individual must retake and pass
 110.4 the examination before a new license will be issued. A journeyman or master plumber
 110.5 who submits a license renewal application after the time specified in rule but within two
 110.6 years after the license expired must pay all past due renewal fees plus a late fee of \$25.

110.7 Subd. 2. **Fees for plan reviews and audits.** Plumbing system plans and
 110.8 specifications that are submitted to the commissioner for review shall be accompanied by
 110.9 the appropriate plan examination fees. If the commissioner determines, upon review of
 110.10 the plans, that inadequate fees were paid, the necessary additional fees shall be paid prior
 110.11 to plan approval. The commissioner shall charge the following fees for plan reviews and
 110.12 audits of plumbing installations for public, commercial, and industrial buildings:

110.13 (1) systems with both water distribution and drain, waste, and vent systems and
 110.14 having:

110.15 (i) 25 or fewer drainage fixture units, \$150;

110.16 (ii) 26 to 50 drainage fixture units, \$250;

110.17 (iii) 51 to 150 drainage fixture units, \$350;

110.18 (iv) 151 to 249 drainage fixture units, \$500;

110.19 (v) 250 or more drainage fixture units, \$3 per drainage fixture unit to a maximum
 110.20 of \$4,000; and

110.21 (vi) interceptors, separators, or catch basins, \$70 per interceptor, separator, or catch
 110.22 basin design;

110.23 (2) building sewer service only, \$150;

110.24 (3) building water service only, \$150;

110.25 (4) building water distribution system only, no drainage system, \$5 per supply
 110.26 fixture unit or \$150, whichever is greater;

110.27 (5) storm drainage system, a minimum fee of \$150 or:

110.28 (i) \$50 per drain opening, up to a maximum of \$500; and

110.29 (ii) \$70 per interceptor, separator, or catch basin design;

110.30 (6) manufactured home park or campground, one to 25 sites, \$300;

110.31 (7) manufactured home park or campground, 26 to 50 sites, \$350;

110.32 (8) manufactured home park or campground, 51 to 125 sites, \$400;

110.33 (9) manufactured home park or campground, more than 125 sites, \$500;

110.34 (10) accelerated review, double the regular fee, one-half to be refunded if no
 110.35 response from the commissioner within 15 business days; and

110.36 (11) revision to previously reviewed or incomplete plans:

111.1 (i) review of plans for which the commissioner has issued two or more requests for
 111.2 additional information, per review, \$100 or ten percent of the original fee, whichever
 111.3 is greater;

111.4 (ii) proposer-requested revision with no increase in project scope, \$50 or ten percent
 111.5 of original fee, whichever is greater; and

111.6 (iii) proposer-requested revision with an increase in project scope, \$50 plus the
 111.7 difference between the original project fee and the revised project fee.

111.8 **Subd. 3. Inspection fees.** The commissioner shall charge the following fees for
 111.9 inspections under sections 326.361 to 326.44:

111.10	<u>Residential inspection fee (each visit)</u>	<u>\$50</u>
111.11	<u>Public, commercial, and industrial</u>	
111.12	<u>inspections</u>	<u>Inspection fee</u>
111.13	<u>25 or fewer drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$300</u>
111.14	<u>26 to 50 drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$900</u>
111.15	<u>51 to 150 drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
111.16	<u>151 to 249 drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
111.17	<u>250 or more drainage fixture units</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>
111.18	<u>Callback fee (each visit)</u>	<u>\$100</u>

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

111.20 Sec. 13. **[326B.41] PURPOSE.**

111.21 The purpose of sections 326B.41 to 326B.49 is to promote the public health and
 111.22 safety through properly designed, acceptably installed, and adequately maintained
 111.23 plumbing systems.

111.24 Sec. 14. **[326B.42] DEFINITIONS.**

111.25 Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** For purposes of sections 326B.41 to
 111.26 326B.49, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given to them.

111.27 Subd. 2. **Direct supervision.** The term "direct supervision," with respect to direct
 111.28 supervision of a plumber's apprentice by a master, restricted master, journeyman, or
 111.29 restricted journeyman plumber, means that:

111.30 (1) at all times while the plumber's apprentice is performing plumbing work, the
 111.31 supervising plumber is present at the location where the plumber's apprentice is working;

111.32 (2) the supervising plumber is physically present and immediately available to the
 111.33 plumber's apprentice at all times for assistance and direction;

111.34 (3) any form of electronic supervision does not meet the requirement of physically
 111.35 present;

112.1 (4) the supervising plumber actually reviews the plumbing work performed by the
112.2 plumber's apprentice before the plumbing is operated; and

112.3 (5) the supervising plumber is able to and does determine that all plumbing work
112.4 performed by the plumber's apprentice is performed in compliance with the plumbing code.

112.5 Subd. 3. **Municipality.** The term "municipality" shall have the meaning given to it
112.6 in section 16B.60, subdivision 3.

112.7 Subd. 4. **Plumbing code.** "Plumbing code" means Minnesota Rules, chapter 4715.

112.8 **Sec. 15. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

112.9 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
112.10 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
112.11 cross-referenced changes consistent with the renumbering.

112.12	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
112.13	<u>326.01, subd. 7</u>	<u>326B.42, subd. 3</u>
112.14	<u>326.01, subd. 8</u>	<u>326B.42, subd. 4</u>
112.15	<u>326.01, subd. 9</u>	<u>326B.42, subd. 7</u>
112.16	<u>326.37</u>	<u>326B.43</u>
112.17	<u>326.38</u>	<u>326B.44</u>
112.18	<u>326.39</u>	<u>326B.45</u>
112.19	<u>326.40</u>	<u>326B.46</u>
112.20	<u>326.401</u>	<u>326B.47</u>
112.21	<u>326.405</u>	<u>326B.48</u>
112.22	<u>326.42</u>	<u>326B.49</u>

112.23 **Sec. 16. REPEALER.**

112.24 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.01, subdivision 9, is repealed.

112.25 **ARTICLE 7**

112.26 **WATER CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLERS**

112.27 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.57, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

112.28 Subdivision 1. **Rulemaking by commissioner of health.** The state commissioner
112.29 ~~of health~~ shall, by rule, prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform, and
112.30 which standards shall thereafter be effective for all new water conditioning servicing
112.31 and water conditioning installations, including additions, extensions, alterations, and
112.32 replacements connected with any water or sewage disposal system owned or operated by
112.33 or for any municipality, institution, factory, office building, hotel, apartment building or
112.34 any other place of business, regardless of location or the population of the city, county

113.1 or town in which located. ~~Such rules, upon approval of the attorney general and their~~
 113.2 ~~legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof shall~~
 113.3 ~~constitute a misdemeanor and may be enjoined by the attorney general.~~

113.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.58, is amended to read:

113.5 **326.58 LOCAL REGULATIONS.**

113.6 Any city or town with a population of 5,000 or more ~~persons~~ according to the last
 113.7 federal census may, by ordinance, adopt local regulations providing for water conditioning
 113.8 permits, bonds, approval of plans, and inspections of water conditioning installations and
 113.9 servicing, which regulations shall not be in conflict with the water conditioning standards
 113.10 on the same subject prescribed by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~. No such city or
 113.11 town shall prohibit water conditioning contractors or installers licensed by the ~~state~~
 113.12 commissioner ~~of health~~ from engaging in or working at the business.

113.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.59, is amended to read:

113.14 **326.59 VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO STATE COMMISSIONER**
 113.15 **~~OF HEALTH.~~**

113.16 Such local authority as may be designated by any such ordinance for the issuance
 113.17 of such water conditioning installation and servicing permits and approval of such plans
 113.18 shall report to the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ persistent or willful violations of the
 113.19 same and any incompetence of a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water
 113.20 conditioning installer observed by the local authority.

113.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.60, is amended to read:

113.22 **326.60 LICENSING IN CERTAIN CITIES; QUALIFICATIONS; RULES.**

113.23 Subdivision 1. **Licensing in certain cities.** In any city or town ~~now or hereafter~~
 113.24 having a population of 5,000 or more according to the last federal census, no person, ~~firm,~~
 113.25 ~~or corporation~~ shall engage in or work at the business of water conditioning installation or
 113.26 servicing after January 1, 1970, unless ~~(a) (1)~~ at all times ~~a person~~ an individual licensed
 113.27 as a water conditioning contractor by the ~~state~~ commissioner ~~of health~~ shall be responsible
 113.28 for the proper water conditioning installation and servicing work of such person, ~~firm, or~~
 113.29 ~~corporation~~, and ~~(b) (2)~~ all installations, other than exchanges of portable equipment, are
 113.30 ~~actually made~~ performed by a licensed water conditioning contractor or licensed water
 113.31 conditioning installer. ~~Anyone~~ Any individual not so licensed may ~~do~~ perform water
 113.32 conditioning work ~~which that~~ that complies with ~~the provisions of~~ the minimum standard

114.1 prescribed by the ~~state commissioner of health~~ on premises or that part of premises owned
 114.2 and ~~actually~~ occupied by the worker as a residence, unless otherwise ~~forbidden to do so~~
 114.3 prohibited by a local ordinance.

114.4 Subd. 2. **Qualifications for licensing.** A water conditioning contractor license
 114.5 shall be issued only to ~~a person~~ an individual who has demonstrated skill in planning,
 114.6 superintending, and servicing water conditioning installations. A water conditioning
 114.7 installer license shall only be issued to ~~a person~~ an individual other than a water
 114.8 conditioning contractor who has demonstrated practical knowledge of water conditioning
 114.9 installation.

114.10 Subd. 3. **Rules.** The ~~state commissioner of health~~ shall:

114.11 ~~(a)~~ (1) prescribe rules, not inconsistent herewith, for the licensing of water
 114.12 conditioning contractors and installers;

114.13 ~~(b)~~ (2) license water conditioning contractors and installers;

114.14 ~~(c)~~ (3) prescribe rules not inconsistent herewith for the examining of water
 114.15 conditioning contractors and installers prior to first granting a license as a water
 114.16 conditioning contractor or water conditioning installer; and

114.17 ~~(d)~~ (4) collect an examination fee from each examinee for a license as a water
 114.18 conditioning contractor and ~~a~~ an examination fee from each examinee for a license
 114.19 as a water conditioning installer in an amount ~~prescribed by the state commissioner of~~
 114.20 ~~health pursuant to~~ set forth in section ~~144.122~~ 326.62. A water conditioning installer
 114.21 must successfully pass the examination for water conditioning contractors before being
 114.22 licensed as a water conditioning contractor.

114.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.601, is amended to read:

114.24 **326.601 ALTERNATIVE STATE BONDING AND INSURANCE**
 114.25 **REGULATION.**

114.26 Subdivision 1. **Bonds.** (a) An applicant for a water conditioning contractor or
 114.27 installer license or renewal thereof who is required by any political subdivision to give a
 114.28 bond to obtain or maintain the license, may comply with any political subdivision bonding
 114.29 requirement by giving a bond to the state as described in paragraph (b). No applicant for a
 114.30 water conditioning contractor or installer license who maintains the bond under paragraph
 114.31 (b) shall be otherwise required to meet the bond requirements of any political subdivision.

114.32 (b) Each bond given to the state under this subdivision shall be in the total ~~penal~~ sum
 114.33 of \$3,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all water conditioning
 114.34 contracting or installing work done within the state. The bond shall be for the benefit of
 114.35 persons suffering injuries or damages due to the work. The bond shall be filed with the

115.1 commissioner ~~of health~~ and shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business
115.2 in this state. ~~No applicant for a water conditioning contractor or installer license who~~
115.3 ~~maintains the bond under this subdivision shall be otherwise required to meet the bond~~
115.4 ~~requirements of any political subdivision.~~ The bond must remain in effect at all times
115.5 while the application is pending and while the license is in effect.

115.6 Subd. 2. **Insurance.** (a) Each applicant for a water conditioning contractor or
115.7 installer license or renewal thereof ~~may, in lieu of all other insurance requirements of any~~
115.8 ~~political subdivision for said licensing purposes, maintain the insurance specified by~~
115.9 ~~this subdivision.~~ who is required by any political subdivision to maintain insurance to
115.10 obtain or maintain the license may comply with any political subdivision's insurance
115.11 requirement by maintaining the insurance described in paragraph (b). No applicant for a
115.12 water conditioning contractor or installer license who maintains the insurance described
115.13 in paragraph (b) shall be otherwise required to meet the insurance requirements of any
115.14 political subdivision.

115.15 (b) The insurance shall provide coverage, including products liability coverage,
115.16 for all damages in connection with licensed work for which the licensee is liable, with
115.17 personal damage limits of at least \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and
115.18 property damage insurance with limits of at least \$10,000. The insurance shall be written
115.19 by an insurer licensed to do business in this state and ~~each licensed water conditioning~~
115.20 ~~contractor or installer shall maintain on file with the commissioner of health a certificate~~
115.21 ~~evidencing the insurance shall be filed with the commissioner.~~ The insurance must remain
115.22 in effect at all times while the application is pending and while the license is in effect. The
115.23 insurance shall not be canceled without the insurer first giving 15 days' written notice to
115.24 the commissioner.

115.25 Subd. 3. **Bond and insurance exemption.** A water conditioning contractor or
115.26 installer who is an employee of a water conditioning contractor or installer, including
115.27 an employee engaged in the maintenance and repair of water conditioning equipment,
115.28 apparatus, or facilities owned, leased and operated, or maintained by the employer, is
115.29 not required to meet the bond and insurance requirements of subdivisions 1 and 2 or of
115.30 any political subdivision.

115.31 Subd. 4. **Fee.** The commissioner ~~of health may establish by rule an additional~~
115.32 ~~fee commensurate with the cost of administering the bond and insurance requirements~~
115.33 ~~of subdivisions 1 and 2, which may be charged shall collect a \$40 bond registration fee~~
115.34 from each applicant for issuance or renewal of a water conditioning contractor or installer
115.35 license who elects to proceed under subdivisions 1 and 2.

116.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that the
116.2 amendments to subdivision 4 are effective July 1, 2007.

116.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

116.4 Subdivision 1. **Water conditioning installation.** "Water conditioning installation"
116.5 ~~as used in sections 326.57 to 326.65~~ means the installation of appliances, appurtenances,
116.6 and fixtures designed to treat water so as to alter, modify, add or remove mineral, chemical
116.7 or bacterial content, said installation to be made in a water distribution system serving a
116.8 single family residential unit, which has been initially established by a licensed plumber,
116.9 and does not involve a direct connection without an air gap to a soil or waste pipe.

116.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

116.11 Subd. 2. **Water conditioning servicing.** "Water conditioning servicing" ~~as used in~~
116.12 ~~sections 326.57 to 326.65~~ means the servicing (including servicing prior to installation) of
116.13 a water conditioning installation.

116.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

116.15 Subd. 3. **Rules.** In order to provide effective protection of the public health, the
116.16 ~~state commissioner of health~~ may by rule prescribe limitations on the nature of alteration
116.17 to, extension of, or connection with, the said water distribution system initially established
116.18 by a licensed plumber which may be performed by a person licensed hereunder, and may
116.19 by rule in appropriate instances require filing of plans, blueprints and specifications prior
116.20 to commencement of installation. ~~Such rules, upon approval of the attorney general and~~
116.21 ~~their legal publication, shall have the force of law, and the violation of any part thereof~~
116.22 ~~shall constitute a misdemeanor.~~ The installation of water heaters shall not constitute water
116.23 conditioning installation and consequently such work shall be accomplished in accordance
116.24 with the provisions of sections ~~326.37~~ 326.361 to ~~326.45~~ 326.44.

116.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.61, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

116.26 Subd. 4. **Single family residential unit.** "Single family residential unit" ~~as used in~~
116.27 ~~sections 326.57 to 326.65~~ means a building or portion thereof which is arranged, designed,
116.28 used or intended to be used for residential occupancy by one family, but not including a
116.29 motel, hotel or rooming house.

116.30 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.62, is amended to read:

116.31 **326.62 APPLICATIONS; FEES.**

117.1 ~~Applications for water conditioning contractor's or installer's licenses shall be~~
 117.2 ~~made to the state commissioner of health with the fee prescribed by the commissioner~~
 117.3 ~~pursuant to section 144.122. Licenses shall expire and be renewed as prescribed by~~
 117.4 ~~the commissioner pursuant to section 144.122. Unless examination fees have been set~~
 117.5 ~~by a contract under section 326B.05, examination fees for both water conditioning~~
 117.6 ~~contractors and water conditioning installers shall be \$50 for each examination. Each~~
 117.7 ~~water conditioning contractor and installer license shall expire on December 31 of the year~~
 117.8 ~~for which it was issued. The license fee for each initial water conditioning contractor's~~
 117.9 ~~license shall be \$70, except that the license fee shall be \$35 if the application is submitted~~
 117.10 ~~during the last three months of the calendar year. The license fee for each renewal water~~
 117.11 ~~conditioning contractor's license shall be \$70. The license fee for each initial water~~
 117.12 ~~conditioning installer license shall be \$35, except that the license fee shall be \$17.50 if the~~
 117.13 ~~application is submitted during the last three months of the calendar year. The license fee~~
 117.14 ~~for each renewal water conditioning installer license shall be \$35. The commissioner may~~
 117.15 ~~by rule prescribe for the expiration and renewal of licenses. Any licensee who does not~~
 117.16 ~~renew a license within two years after the license expires is no longer eligible for renewal.~~
 117.17 ~~Such an individual must retake and pass the examination before a new license will be~~
 117.18 ~~issued. A water conditioning contractor or water conditioning installer who submits a~~
 117.19 ~~license renewal application after the time specified in rule but within two years after the~~
 117.20 ~~license expired must pay all past due renewal fees plus a late fee of \$25.~~

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

117.22 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.65, is amended to read:

117.23 **326.65 STATE LICENSE; EXAMINATION; APPLICATION; EXEMPTION.**

117.24 The provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.65 ~~which that~~ require ~~the obtaining of~~
 117.25 licenses to engage in the work or business of water conditioning installation, and the
 117.26 provisions ~~which that~~ provide for the examination of applicants for such licenses, shall
 117.27 only apply to work accomplished in cities or towns having populations of 5,000 or more
 117.28 according to the last federal census, and shall not apply to master plumbers and journeymen
 117.29 plumbers licensed under the provisions of sections ~~326.37~~ 326.361 to ~~326.45~~ 326.44.

117.30 Sec. 12. **[326B.50] DEFINITIONS.**

117.31 Subdivision 1. Words, terms, and phrases. For the purposes of sections 326B.50
 117.32 to 326B.59, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

118.1 Sec. 13. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

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

118.5 <u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
118.6 <u>326.57</u>	<u>326B.52</u>
118.7 <u>326.58</u>	<u>326B.53</u>
118.8 <u>326.59</u>	<u>326B.54</u>
118.9 <u>326.60</u>	<u>326B.55</u>
118.10 <u>326.601</u>	<u>326B.56</u>
118.11 <u>326.61, subd. 1</u>	<u>326B.50, subd. 3</u>
118.12 <u>326.61, subd. 2</u>	<u>326B.50, subd. 4</u>
118.13 <u>326.61, subd. 3</u>	<u>326B.57</u>
118.14 <u>326.61, subd. 4</u>	<u>326B.50, subd. 2</u>
118.15 <u>326.62</u>	<u>326B.58</u>
118.16 <u>326.65</u>	<u>326B.59</u>

118.17 **ARTICLE 8**

118.18 **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR AND REMODELER STATUTES**

118.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.58, is amended to read:

118.20 **325E.58 SIGN CONTRACTOR; BOND.**

118.21 (a) A sign contractor may post a compliance bond with the commissioner,
 118.22 conditioned that the sign contractor shall faithfully perform duties and comply with laws,
 118.23 ordinances, rules, and contracts entered into for the installation of signs. The bond must
 118.24 be renewed annually and maintained for so long as determined by the commissioner. The
 118.25 aggregate liability of the surety on the bond to any and all persons, regardless of the
 118.26 number of claims made against the bond, may not exceed the annual amount of the bond.
 118.27 The bond may be canceled as to future liability by the surety upon 30 days' written notice
 118.28 mailed to the commissioner by United States mail.

118.29 (b) The amount of the bond shall be \$8,000. The bond may be drawn upon only by
 118.30 a local unit of government that requires sign ~~installers~~ contractors to post a compliance
 118.31 bond. The bond is in lieu of any compliance bond required by a local unit of government.

118.32 (c) For purposes of this section, "sign" means a device, structure, fixture, or
 118.33 placard using graphics, symbols, or written copy that is erected on the premises of an
 118.34 establishment including the name of the establishment or identifying the merchandise,
 118.35 services, activities, or entertainment available on the premises.

119.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

119.2 Subd. 6. **Lessee.** "Lessee" means one who rents or leases residential real estate
119.3 pursuant to a written lease agreement of at least one year's duration.

119.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

119.5 Subd. 7. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a residential building contractor, residential
119.6 remodeler, manufactured home installer, or residential roofer licensed under sections
119.7 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98.

119.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

119.9 Subd. 11. **Owner.** ~~Except in section 326.91, subdivision 1, "owner" means a person~~
119.10 ~~who has any legal or equitable interest in real property. For purposes of sections 326.83~~
119.11 ~~to 326.991, "owner" does not include a residential building contractor or residential~~
119.12 ~~remodeler who constructs or improves its own property for purposes of speculation. A~~
119.13 ~~residential building contractor or residential remodeler will be presumed to be building or~~
119.14 ~~improving for purposes of speculation if it constructs or improves more than one property~~
119.15 ~~within any 24-month period. "Owner," when used in connection with real property, means~~
119.16 a person who has any legal or equitable interest in the real property.

119.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

119.18 Subd. 18. **Residential roofer.** "Residential roofer" means a person in the business
119.19 of contracting, or offering to contract with an owner, to complete work on residential real
119.20 estate in roof coverings, roof sheathing, roof weatherproofing and insulation, and repair of
119.21 roof systems, but not construction of new roof systems.

119.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

119.23 Subd. 19. **Special skill.** "Special skill" means one of the following eight categories:

119.24 (a) **Excavation.** Excavation includes work in any of the following areas:

119.25 (1) excavation;

119.26 (2) trenching;

119.27 (3) grading; and

119.28 (4) site grading.

119.29 (b) **Masonry and concrete.** Masonry and concrete includes work in any of the
119.30 following areas:

119.31 (1) drain systems;

119.32 (2) poured walls;

- 120.1 (3) slabs and poured-in-place footings;
- 120.2 (4) masonry walls;
- 120.3 (5) masonry fireplaces;
- 120.4 (6) masonry veneer; and
- 120.5 (7) water resistance and waterproofing.
- 120.6 (c) **Carpentry.** Carpentry includes work in any of the following areas:
- 120.7 (1) rough framing;
- 120.8 (2) finish carpentry;
- 120.9 (3) doors, windows, and skylights;
- 120.10 (4) porches and decks, excluding footings;
- 120.11 (5) wood foundations; and
- 120.12 (6) drywall installation, excluding taping and finishing.
- 120.13 (d) **Interior finishing.** Interior finishing includes work in any of the following areas:
- 120.14 (1) floor covering;
- 120.15 (2) wood floors;
- 120.16 (3) cabinet and counter top installation;
- 120.17 (4) insulation and vapor barriers;
- 120.18 (5) interior or exterior painting;
- 120.19 (6) ceramic, marble, and quarry tile;
- 120.20 (7) ornamental guardrail and installation of prefabricated stairs; and
- 120.21 (8) wallpapering.
- 120.22 (e) **Exterior finishing.** Exterior finishing includes work in any of the following
- 120.23 areas:
- 120.24 (1) siding;
- 120.25 (2) soffit, fascia, and trim;
- 120.26 (3) exterior plaster and stucco;
- 120.27 (4) painting; and
- 120.28 (5) rain carrying systems, including gutters and down spouts.
- 120.29 (f) **Drywall and plaster.** Drywall and plaster includes work in any of the following
- 120.30 areas:
- 120.31 (1) installation;
- 120.32 (2) taping;
- 120.33 (3) finishing;
- 120.34 (4) interior plaster;
- 120.35 (5) painting; and
- 120.36 (6) wallpapering.

121.1 (g) **Residential roofing.** Residential roofing includes work in any of the following
121.2 areas:

121.3 (1) roof coverings;

121.4 (2) roof sheathing;

121.5 (3) roof weatherproofing and insulation; and

121.6 (4) repair of roof support system, but not construction of new roof support system.

121.7 (h) **General installation specialties.** Installation includes work in any of the
121.8 following areas:

121.9 (1) garage doors and openers;

121.10 (2) pools, spas, and hot tubs;

121.11 (3) fireplaces and wood stoves;

121.12 (4) asphalt paving and seal coating; and

121.13 (5) ~~exterior plaster and stucco; and~~

121.14 ~~(6)~~ ornamental guardrail and prefabricated stairs.

121.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.83, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

121.16 Subd. 20. **Specialty contractor.** "Specialty contractor" means a person in the
121.17 business of contracting or offering to contract to build or improve residential real estate by
121.18 providing only one special skill as defined in this section.

121.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.84, is amended to read:

121.20 **326.84 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

121.21 Subdivision 1. **Persons required to be licensed.** A person who meets the definition
121.22 of a residential building contractor as defined in section 326.83, subdivision 15, must be
121.23 licensed as a residential building contractor by the commissioner. A person who meets
121.24 the definition of a residential remodeler as defined in section 326.83, subdivision 16,
121.25 ~~or a residential building contractor as defined in section 326.83, subdivision 15, must~~
121.26 ~~be licensed as a residential building contractor or residential remodeler. 16, must be~~
121.27 licensed by the commissioner as a residential remodeler or residential building contractor.
121.28 A person who meets the definition of a residential roofer as defined in section 5 must
121.29 be licensed by the commissioner as a residential roofer, residential building contractor,
121.30 or residential remodeler. A person who meets the definition of a manufactured home
121.31 installer as defined in section 327.31, subdivision 6, must be licensed as a manufactured
121.32 home installer by the commissioner.

121.33 Subd. 1a. **Persons who may be licensed.** A person who meets the definition of
121.34 a specialty contractor as defined in section 326.83, subdivision ~~20~~ 19, may be licensed

122.1 by the commissioner as a residential building contractor or residential remodeler ~~unless~~
 122.2 ~~required to be licensed by the state as a specialty contractor.~~

122.3 Subd. 1b. **Prohibition.** Except as provided in subdivision 3, no persons required
 122.4 to be licensed by subdivision 1 may act or hold themselves out as a residential building
 122.5 ~~contractors or~~ contractor, residential ~~remodelers~~ remodeler, residential roofer, or
 122.6 manufactured home installer for compensation without a ~~valid~~ license issued by the
 122.7 commissioner.

122.8 Subd. 1c. **Licensing criteria.** The examination and education requirements for
 122.9 licensure under sections 326.84 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98 must be fulfilled by a qualifying person
 122.10 designated by the potential licensee. If the qualifying person is a managing employee, the
 122.11 qualifying person must be an employee who is regularly employed by the licensee and
 122.12 is actively engaged in the business of residential contracting or residential remodeling
 122.13 on behalf of the licensee. For a sole proprietorship, the qualifying person must be the
 122.14 proprietor or managing employee. For a partnership, the qualifying person must be a
 122.15 general partner or managing employee. For a limited liability company, the qualifying
 122.16 person must be a chief manager or managing employee. For a corporation, the qualifying
 122.17 person must be ~~a chief executive officer~~ an owner, officer, or managing employee. A
 122.18 qualifying person for a corporation or limited liability company may act as ~~a~~ the qualifying
 122.19 person for ~~one additional corporation if one of the following conditions exists:~~

122.20 ~~(1) there is a common ownership of at least 25 percent of each licensed corporation~~
 122.21 ~~for which the person acts in a qualifying capacity; or~~

122.22 ~~(2) one corporation is a subsidiary of another corporation for which the same person~~
 122.23 ~~acts in a qualifying capacity. "Subsidiary," as used in this section, means a corporation of~~
 122.24 ~~which at least 25 percent is owned by the parent corporation. more than one corporation~~
 122.25 or limited liability company if there is common ownership of at least 25 percent among
 122.26 each of the licensed corporations or limited liability companies for which the person
 122.27 acts in the capacity of qualifying person.

122.28 Subd. 1d. **Required information.** (a) Each licensee or applicant for licensure shall
 122.29 provide to the commissioner a current street address and telephone number where the
 122.30 licensee resides, and a street address and telephone number where the licensee's business
 122.31 is physically located. A post office box address is not sufficient to satisfy this requirement.
 122.32 Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing of any
 122.33 change in the required information within 15 days of the change.

122.34 (b) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing
 122.35 upon any change in control, ownership, officers or directors, personal name, business
 122.36 name, license name, or qualifying person, within 15 days of the change.

123.1 (c) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing if
 123.2 the licensee or applicant for licensure is found to be a judgment debtor based upon conduct
 123.3 requiring licensure pursuant to sections 326.83 to 326.98 within 15 days of the finding.

123.4 (d) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing
 123.5 within 15 days of filing a petition for bankruptcy.

123.6 (e) Each licensee or applicant for licensure must notify the commissioner in writing
 123.7 within ten days if the licensee or applicant for licensure has been found guilty of a felony,
 123.8 gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or any comparable offense related to residential
 123.9 contracting, including convictions of fraud, misrepresentation, misuse of funds, theft,
 123.10 criminal sexual conduct, assault, burglary, conversion of funds, or theft of proceeds in this
 123.11 or any other state or any other United States jurisdiction.

123.12 Subd. 3. **Exemptions.** The license requirement does not apply to:

123.13 (1) an employee of a licensee performing work for the licensee;

123.14 (2) a material person, manufacturer, or retailer furnishing finished products,
 123.15 materials, or articles of merchandise who does not install or attach the items;

123.16 (3) an owner ~~or owners~~ of residential real estate who ~~build or improve~~ builds or
 123.17 improves any structure on residential real estate and who do the work themselves or
 123.18 jointly with the owner's own, if the building or improving is performed by the owner's
 123.19 bona fide employees or by individual owners personally. This exemption does not apply
 123.20 ~~to a person who engages in a pattern of building or improving real estate for purposes of~~
 123.21 ~~resale. Such a pattern is presumed to exist if the person constructs or improves more~~
 123.22 ~~than one property within any 24-month period;~~ an owner who constructs or improves
 123.23 property for purposes of speculation if the building or improving is performed by the
 123.24 owner's bona fide employees or by individual owners personally. A residential building
 123.25 contractor or residential remodeler will be presumed to be building or improving for
 123.26 purposes of speculation if the contractor or remodeler constructs or improves more than
 123.27 one property within any 24-month period.

123.28 (4) an architect or professional engineer engaging in professional practice as defined
 123.29 ~~in this chapter~~ by section 326.02, subdivisions 2 and 3;

123.30 (5) a person whose total gross annual receipts ~~from projects regulated under this~~
 123.31 ~~section~~ for performing specialty skills for which licensure would be required under this
 123.32 section do not exceed \$15,000;

123.33 (6) a mechanical contractor;

123.34 (7) a plumber, electrician, or other person whose profession is otherwise subject to
 123.35 statewide licensing, when engaged in the activity which is the subject of that licensure;

124.1 (8) specialty contractors who provide only one special skill as defined in section
124.2 326.83;

124.3 (9) a school district, or a technical college governed under chapter 136F; and
124.4 ~~(10) manufactured housing installers; and~~

124.5 ~~(11)~~ (10) Habitat for Humanity and Builders Outreach Foundation, and their
124.6 individual volunteers when engaged in activities on their behalf.

124.7 To qualify for the exemption in clause (5), a person must obtain a certificate of
124.8 exemption from ~~licensing~~ licensure from the commissioner.

124.9 A certificate of exemption will be issued upon the applicant's filing with the
124.10 commissioner, an affidavit stating that the applicant does not expect to exceed \$15,000 in
124.11 gross annual receipts derived from ~~contracting activities during the calendar year for which~~
124.12 ~~the exemption is requested~~ performing services which require licensure under this section.

124.13 To renew the exemption in clause (5), the applicant must file an affidavit stating that
124.14 the applicant did not exceed \$15,000 in gross annual receipts during the past calendar
124.15 year, ~~and the applicant does not expect to exceed \$15,000 in gross annual receipts during~~
124.16 ~~the calendar year for which the exemption is requested.~~

124.17 If a person, operating under the exemption in clause (5), exceeds \$15,000 in gross
124.18 receipts during any calendar year, the person must immediately surrender the exemption
124.19 certificate and apply for the appropriate license. The person must remain licensed until
124.20 such time as the person's gross annual receipts during a calendar year fall below \$15,000.
124.21 The person may then apply for ~~this~~ an exemption for the next calendar year.

124.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.841, is amended to read:

124.23 **326.841 MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLERS.**

124.24 (a) Manufactured home installers are subject to all of the requirements of sections
124.25 326.83 to 326.98, except for the following:

124.26 ~~(1) manufactured home installers are not members of the advisory council under~~
124.27 ~~section 326.85;~~

124.28 ~~(2)~~ (1) manufactured home installers are not subject to the continuing education
124.29 requirements of section 326.87, but are subject to the continuing education requirements
124.30 established in rules adopted under section 327B.10;

124.31 ~~(3)~~ (2) the examination requirement of section 326.89, subdivision 3, for
124.32 manufactured home installers shall be satisfied by successful completion of a written
124.33 examination ~~designed~~ administered and developed specifically for the examination of
124.34 manufactured home installers. The examination must be ~~designed~~ administered and
124.35 developed by the commissioner ~~in conjunction with the state building code division.~~ The

125.1 commissioner and ~~State Building Code Division~~ the state building official shall seek
 125.2 advice on the grading, monitoring, and updating of examinations from the Minnesota
 125.3 Manufactured Housing Association;

125.4 ~~(4) the amount of the bond required by section 326.94 shall be \$2,500 for~~
 125.5 ~~manufactured home installers;~~

125.6 ~~(5)~~ (3) a local government unit may not place a surcharge on a license fee, and
 125.7 may not charge a separate fee to installers;

125.8 ~~(6)~~ (4) a dealer or distributor who does not install or repair manufactured homes is
 125.9 exempt from licensure under sections 326.83 to 326.98; ~~and~~

125.10 ~~(7)~~ (5) the exemption under section 326.84, subdivision 3, clause (5), does not
 125.11 apply; and

125.12 (6) manufactured home installers are not subject to the contractor recovery fund
 125.13 in section 326.975.

125.14 (b) The commissioner may waive all or part of the requirements for licensure
 125.15 as a manufactured home installer for any individual who holds an unexpired license or
 125.16 certificate issued by any other state or other United States jurisdiction if the licensing
 125.17 requirements of that jurisdiction meet or exceed the corresponding licensing requirements
 125.18 of the department.

125.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.842, is amended to read:

125.20 **326.842 RESIDENTIAL ROOFERS.**

125.21 Residential roofers are subject to all of the requirements of sections 326.83 to 326.98
 125.22 ~~and 326.991~~, except the recovery fund in section 326.975.

125.23 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.86, is amended to read:

125.24 **326.86 FEES.**

125.25 Subdivision 1. **Licensing fee.** The licensing fee for persons licensed pursuant to
 125.26 sections 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98 is \$100 per year.

125.27 Subd. 2. **Local surcharge.** A local government unit may place a surcharge in an
 125.28 amount no greater than \$5 on each land use, zoning, or building permit that requires a
 125.29 licensed residential building contractor, residential remodeler, ~~or specialty contractor~~
 125.30 residential roofer, or manufactured home installer for the purpose of license verification.
 125.31 The local government may verify a license by telephone ~~or~~ facsimile machine or
 125.32 electronic communication. A local government unit shall not issue a land use, zoning, or
 125.33 building permit unless the required license has been verified and is current.

126.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to subdivision 1 are effective July 1, 2007.
126.2 The amendments to subdivision 2 are effective December 1, 2007.

126.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.87, is amended to read:

126.4 **326.87 CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

126.5 Subdivision 1. **Standards.** The commissioner, ~~in consultation with the council,~~ may
126.6 by rule adopt standards for continuing education requirements and course and instructor
126.7 approval. The standards must include requirements for continuing education in the
126.8 implementation of energy codes applicable to buildings and other building codes designed
126.9 to conserve energy. ~~Except for the course content, the standards must be consistent~~
126.10 ~~with the standards established for real estate agents and other professions licensed by~~
126.11 ~~the Department of Commerce. At a minimum, the content of one hour of any required~~
126.12 ~~continuing education must contain information on lead abatement rules and safe lead~~
126.13 ~~abatement procedures.~~

126.14 Subd. 2. **Hours.** A qualifying person of a licensee must provide proof of completion
126.15 of seven hours of continuing education per year in the regulated industry in which the
126.16 licensee is licensed. ~~To the extent the commissioner considers it appropriate, courses or~~
126.17 ~~parts of courses may be considered to satisfy both continuing education requirements~~
126.18 ~~under this section and continuing real estate education requirements.~~

126.19 Credit may not be earned if the licensee has previously obtained credit for the same
126.20 course as either a student or instructor during the same licensing period.

126.21 Subd. 3. **Accessibility.** To the extent possible, the commissioner shall ensure that
126.22 continuing education courses are offered throughout the state and are easily accessible
126.23 to all licensees.

126.24 Subd. 4. **Renewal of accreditation approval.** The commissioner is authorized to
126.25 establish a procedure for renewal of course accreditation approval.

126.26 Subd. 5. **Content.** (a) Continuing education consists of approved courses that
126.27 impart appropriate and related knowledge in the regulated industries pursuant to sections
126.28 326.83 to 326.98. The burden of demonstrating that courses impart appropriate and related
126.29 knowledge is upon the person seeking approval or credit.

126.30 (b) Course examinations will not be required for continuing education courses
126.31 unless they are required by the sponsor.

126.32 (c) Textbooks are not required to be used for continuing education courses. If
126.33 textbooks are not used, the coordinator must provide students with a syllabus containing,
126.34 at a minimum, the course title, the times and dates of the course offering, the names and
126.35 addresses or telephone numbers of the course coordinator and instructor, and a detailed

127.1 outline of the subject materials to be covered. Any written or printed material given to
127.2 students must be of readable quality and contain accurate and current information.

127.3 (d) Upon completion of an approved course, licensees shall earn one hour of
127.4 continuing education credit for each hour approved by the commissioner. Each continuing
127.5 education course must be attended in its entirety in order to receive credit for the number
127.6 of approved hours. Courses may be approved for full or partial credit, and for more than
127.7 one regulated industry.

127.8 Continuing education credit in an approved course shall be awarded to presenting
127.9 instructors on the basis of one credit for each hour of preparation for the initial presentation,
127.10 which may not exceed three hours total credit for each approved course. Continuing
127.11 education credit may not be earned if the licensee has previously obtained credit for the
127.12 same course as a licensee or as an instructor within the three years immediately prior.

127.13 (e) The following courses will not be approved for credit:

127.14 (1) courses designed solely to prepare students for a license examination;

127.15 (2) courses in mechanical office or business skills, including typing, speed reading,
127.16 or other machines or equipment. Computer courses are allowed, if appropriate and related
127.17 to the regulated industry of the licensee;

127.18 (3) courses in sales promotion, including meetings held in conjunction with the
127.19 general business of the licensee;

127.20 (4) courses in motivation, salesmanship, psychology, time management, or
127.21 communication; or

127.22 (5) courses that are primarily intended to impart knowledge of specific products of
127.23 specific companies, if the use of the product or products relates to the sales promotion or
127.24 marketing of one or more of the products discussed.

127.25 Subd. 6. **Course approval.** (a) Courses must be approved by the commissioner
127.26 in advance and will be approved on the basis of the applicant's compliance with the
127.27 provisions of this section relating to continuing education in the regulated industries. The
127.28 commissioner shall make the final determination as to the approval and assignment of
127.29 credit hours for courses. Courses must be at least one hour in length.

127.30 Individuals requesting credit for continuing education courses that have not
127.31 been previously approved shall, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, submit an
127.32 application for approval of continuing education credit accompanied by a nonrefundable
127.33 fee of \$10 for each course to be reviewed. To be approved, courses must be in compliance
127.34 with the provisions of this section governing the types of courses that will and will not
127.35 be approved.

128.1 Approval will not be granted for time spent on meals or other unrelated activities.
128.2 Breaks may not be accumulated in order to dismiss the class early. Classes shall not be
128.3 offered by a provider to any one student for longer than eight hours in one day, excluding
128.4 meal breaks.

128.5 (b) Application for course approval must be submitted 30 days before the course
128.6 offering.

128.7 (c) Approval must be granted for a subsequent offering of identical continuing
128.8 education courses without requiring a new application if a notice of the subsequent
128.9 offering is filed with the commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the date the course is
128.10 to be held. The commissioner shall deny future offerings of courses if they are found not
128.11 to be in compliance with the laws relating to course approval.

128.12 Subd. 7. **Courses open to all.** All course offerings must be open to any interested
128.13 individuals. Access may be restricted by the sponsor based on class size only. Courses
128.14 must not be approved if attendance is restricted to any particular group of people, except
128.15 for company-sponsored courses allowed by applicable law.

128.16 Subd. 8. **Course coordinator.** (a) Each course of study shall have at least one
128.17 coordinator, approved by the commissioner, who is responsible for supervising the
128.18 program and ensuring compliance with all relevant law. Sponsors may engage an
128.19 additional approved coordinator in order to assist the coordinator or to act as a substitute
128.20 for the coordinator in the event of an emergency or illness.

128.21 (b) The commissioner shall approve as a coordinator a person meeting one or more
128.22 of the following criteria:

128.23 (1) at least three years of full-time experience in the administration of an education
128.24 program during the five-year period immediately before the date of application;

128.25 (2) a degree in education plus two years' experience during the immediately
128.26 preceding five-year period in one of the regulated industries for which courses are being
128.27 approved; or

128.28 (3) a minimum of five years' experience within the previous six years in the regulated
128.29 industry for which courses are held.

128.30 Subd. 9. **Responsibilities.** A coordinator is responsible for:

128.31 (1) ensuring compliance with all laws and rules relating to continuing educational
128.32 offerings governed by the commissioner;

128.33 (2) ensuring that students are provided with current and accurate information relating
128.34 to the laws and rules governing their licensed activity;

- 129.1 (3) supervising and evaluating courses and instructors. Supervision includes
129.2 ensuring that all areas of the curriculum are addressed without redundancy and that
129.3 continuity is present throughout the entire course;
- 129.4 (4) ensuring that instructors are qualified to teach the course offering;
- 129.5 (5) furnishing the commissioner, upon request, with copies of course and instructor
129.6 evaluations and qualifications of instructors. Evaluations must be completed by students at
129.7 the time the course is offered and by coordinators within five days after the course offering;
- 129.8 (6) investigating complaints related to course offerings or instructors. A copy of
129.9 the written complaint must be sent to the commissioner within ten days of receipt of
129.10 the complaint and a copy of the complaint resolution must be sent not more than ten
129.11 days after resolution is reached;
- 129.12 (7) maintaining accurate records relating to course offerings, instructors, tests
129.13 taken by students if required, and student attendance for a period of three years from the
129.14 date on which the course was completed. These records must be made available to the
129.15 commissioner upon request. In the event that a sponsor ceases operation for any reason,
129.16 the coordinator is responsible for maintaining the records or providing a custodian for the
129.17 records acceptable to the commissioner. The coordinator must notify the commissioner
129.18 of the name and address of that person. In order to be acceptable to the commissioner,
129.19 custodians must agree to make copies of acknowledgments available to students at a
129.20 reasonable fee. Under no circumstances will the commissioner act as custodian of the
129.21 records;
- 129.22 (8) ensuring that the coordinator is available to instructors and students throughout
129.23 course offerings and providing to the students and instructor the name of the coordinator
129.24 and a telephone number at which the coordinator can be reached;
- 129.25 (9) attending workshops or instructional programs as reasonably required by the
129.26 commissioner;
- 129.27 (10) providing course completion certificates within ten days of, but not before,
129.28 completion of the entire course. Course completion certificates must be completed in
129.29 their entirety. Course completion certificates must contain the following statement: "If
129.30 you have any comments about this course offering, please mail them to the Minnesota
129.31 Department of Labor and Industry." The current address of the department must be
129.32 included. A coordinator may require payment of the course tuition as a condition for
129.33 receiving the course completion certificate; and
- 129.34 (11) notifying the commissioner in writing within ten days of any change in the
129.35 information in an application for approval on file with the commissioner.

130.1 Subd. 10. **Instructors.** (a) Each continuing education course shall have an instructor
130.2 who is qualified by education, training, or experience to ensure competent instruction.
130.3 Failure to have only qualified instructors teach at an approved course offering will result
130.4 in loss of course approval. Coordinators are responsible to ensure that an instructor is
130.5 qualified to teach the course offering.

130.6 (b) Qualified continuing education instructors must have one of the following
130.7 qualifications:

130.8 (1) a four-year degree in any area plus two years' practical experience in the subject
130.9 area being taught;

130.10 (2) five years' practical experience in the subject area being taught; or

130.11 (3) a college or graduate degree in the subject area being taught.

130.12 (c) Approved instructors are responsible for:

130.13 (1) compliance with all laws and rules relating to continuing education;

130.14 (2) providing students with current and accurate information;

130.15 (3) maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning in the classroom;

130.16 (4) verifying attendance of students, and certifying course completion;

130.17 (5) providing assistance to students and responding to questions relating to course
130.18 materials; and

130.19 (6) attending the workshops or instructional programs that are required by the
130.20 commissioner.

130.21 Subd. 11. **Prohibited practices for coordinators and instructors.** (a) In
130.22 connection with an approved continuing education course, coordinators and instructors
130.23 shall not:

130.24 (1) recommend or promote the services or practices of a particular business;

130.25 (2) encourage or recruit individuals to engage the services of, or become associated
130.26 with, a particular business;

130.27 (3) use materials, clothing, or other evidences of affiliation with a particular entity;

130.28 (4) require students to participate in other programs or services offered by the
130.29 instructor, coordinator, or sponsor;

130.30 (5) attempt, either directly or indirectly, to discover questions or answers on an
130.31 examination for a license;

130.32 (6) disseminate to any other person specific questions, problems, or information
130.33 known or believed to be included in licensing examinations;

130.34 (7) misrepresent any information submitted to the commissioner;

130.35 (8) fail to cover, or ensure coverage of, all points, issues, and concepts contained in
130.36 the course outline approved by the commissioner during the approved instruction; or

131.1 (9) issue inaccurate course completion certificates.

131.2 (b) Coordinators shall notify the commissioner within ten days of a felony or
131.3 gross misdemeanor conviction or of disciplinary action taken against an occupational or
131.4 professional license held by the coordinator or an instructor teaching an approved course.
131.5 The notification shall be grounds for the commissioner to withdraw the approval of the
131.6 coordinator and to disallow the use of the instructor.

131.7 Subd. 12. **Fees.** Fees for an approved course of study and related materials must
131.8 be clearly identified to students. In the event that a course is canceled for any reason, all
131.9 fees must be returned within 15 days from the date of cancellation. In the event that a
131.10 course is postponed for any reason, students shall be given the choice of attending the
131.11 course at a later date or having their fees refunded in full within 15 days from the date
131.12 of postponement. If a student is unable to attend a course or cancels the registration in a
131.13 course, sponsor policies regarding refunds shall govern.

131.14 Subd. 13. **Facilities.** Each course of study must be conducted in a classroom
131.15 or other facility that is adequate to comfortably accommodate the instructors and the
131.16 number of students enrolled. The sponsor may limit the number of students enrolled in a
131.17 course. Approved courses may be held on the premises of a company doing business in
131.18 the regulated area only when the company is sponsoring the course offering, or where
131.19 product application is appropriate and related.

131.20 Subd. 14. **Supplementary materials.** An adequate supply of supplementary
131.21 materials to be used or distributed in connection with an approved course must be available
131.22 at the time and place of the course offering in order to ensure that each student receives all
131.23 of the necessary materials. Outlines and any other materials that are reproduced must be
131.24 of readable quality.

131.25 Subd. 15. **Advertising courses.** (a) Paragraphs (b) to (g) govern the advertising
131.26 of continuing education courses.

131.27 (b) Advertising must be truthful and not deceptive or misleading. Courses may not
131.28 be advertised in any manner as approved unless approval has been granted in writing by
131.29 the commissioner.

131.30 (c) No advertisement, pamphlet, circular, or other similar materials pertaining to
131.31 an approved offering may be circulated or distributed in this state, unless the following
131.32 statement is prominently displayed:

131.33 "This course has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
131.34 for (approved number of hours) hours for continuing (relevant industry)
131.35 education."

132.1 (d) Advertising of approved courses must be clearly distinguishable from the
132.2 advertisement of other nonapproved courses and services.

132.3 (e) Continuing education courses may not be advertised before approval unless the
132.4 course is described in the advertising as "approval pending" and an application for approval
132.5 has been timely submitted to the commissioner and a denial has not been received.

132.6 (f) The number of hours for which a course has been approved must be prominently
132.7 displayed on an advertisement for the course. If the course offering is longer than the
132.8 number of hours of credit to be given, it must be clear that credit is not earned for the
132.9 entire course.

132.10 (g) The course approval number must not be included in any advertisement.

132.11 Subd. 16. **Notice to students.** At the beginning of each approved offering, the
132.12 following notice must be handed out in printed form or must be read to students:

132.13 "This educational offering is recognized by the Minnesota Department of Labor and
132.14 Industry as satisfying (insert number of hours approved) hours of credit toward
132.15 continuing (insert appropriate industry) education requirements."

132.16 Subd. 17. **Audits.** The commissioner reserves the right to audit subject offerings
132.17 with or without notice to the sponsor.

132.18 Subd. 18. **Falsification of reports.** A licensee, its qualified person, or an applicant
132.19 found to have falsified an education report to the commissioner shall be considered to
132.20 have violated the laws relating to the industry for which the person has a license and
132.21 shall be subject to censure, limitation, condition, suspension, or revocation of the license
132.22 or denial of the application for licensure.

132.23 The commissioner reserves the right to audit a licensee's continuing education
132.24 records.

132.25 Subd. 19. **Waivers and extensions.** If a licensee provides documentation to the
132.26 commissioner that the licensee or its qualifying person is unable, and will continue to be
132.27 unable, to attend actual classroom course work because of a physical disability, medical
132.28 condition, or similar reason, attendance at continuing education courses shall be waived
132.29 for a period not to exceed one year. The commissioner shall require that the licensee or
132.30 its qualifying person satisfactorily complete a self-study program to include reading a
132.31 sufficient number of textbooks, or listening to a sufficient number of tapes, related to the
132.32 regulated industry, as would be necessary for the licensee to satisfy continuing educational
132.33 credit hour needs. The commissioner shall award the licensee credit hours for a self-study
132.34 program by determining how many credit hours would be granted to a classroom course
132.35 involving the same material and giving the licensee the same number of credit hours under
132.36 this part. The licensee may apply each year for a new waiver upon the same terms and

133.1 conditions as were necessary to secure the original waiver, and must demonstrate that in
133.2 subsequent years, the licensee was unable to complete actual classroom course work.
133.3 The commissioner may request documentation of the condition upon which the request
133.4 for waiver is based as is necessary to satisfy the commissioner of the existence of the
133.5 condition and that the condition does preclude attendance at continuing education courses.

133.6 Upon written proof demonstrating a medical hardship, the commissioner shall
133.7 extend, for up to 90 days, the time period during which the continuing education must be
133.8 successfully completed. Loss of income from either attendance at courses or cancellation
133.9 of a license is not a bona fide financial hardship. Requests for extensions must be
133.10 submitted to the commissioner in writing no later than 60 days before the education is
133.11 due and must include an explanation with verification of the hardship, plus verification of
133.12 enrollment at an approved course of study on or before the extension period expires.

133.13 Subd. 20. **Reporting requirements.** Required continuing education must be
133.14 reported in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Licensees are responsible for
133.15 maintaining copies of course completion certificates.

133.16 Subd. 21. **Residential building contractor, residential remodeler, and residential**
133.17 **roofer education.** (a) Each licensee must, during the licensee's first complete continuing
133.18 education reporting period, complete and report one hour of continuing education relating
133.19 to lead abatement rules in safe lead abatement procedures.

133.20 (b) Each licensee must, during each continuing education reporting period, complete
133.21 and report one hour of continuing education relating to energy codes for buildings and
133.22 other building codes designed to conserve energy.

133.23 Subd. 22. **Continuing education approval.** (a) Continuing education courses must
133.24 be approved in advance by the commissioner of labor and industry. "Sponsor" means any
133.25 person or entity offering approved education.

133.26 (b) For coordinators with an initial approval date before August 1, 2005, approval
133.27 will expire on December 31, 2005. For courses with an initial approval date on or before
133.28 December 31, 2000, approval will expire on April 30, 2006. For courses with an initial
133.29 approval date after January 1, 2001, but before August 1, 2005, approval will expire
133.30 on April 30, 2007.

133.31 Subd. 23. **Continuing education fees.** The following fees shall be paid to the
133.32 commissioner:

133.33 (1) initial course approval, \$10 for each hour or faction of one hour of continuing
133.34 education course approval sought. Initial course approval expires on the last day of the
133.35 24th month after the course is approved;

134.1 (2) renewal of course approval, \$10 per course. Renewal of course approval expires
134.2 on the last day of the 24th month after the course is renewed;

134.3 (3) initial coordinator approval, \$100. Initial coordinator approval expires on the last
134.4 day of the 24th month after the coordinator is approved; and

134.5 (4) renewal of coordinator approval, \$10. Renewal of coordinator approval expires
134.6 on the last day of the 24th month after the coordinator is renewed.

134.7 Subd. 24. Refunds. All fees paid to the commissioner under this section are
134.8 nonrefundable, except that an overpayment of a fee shall be returned upon proper
134.9 application.

134.10 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.88, is amended to read:

134.11 **326.88 LOSS OF QUALIFYING PERSON.**

134.12 Upon the departure or disqualification of a licensee's qualifying person because of
134.13 death, disability, retirement, position change, or other reason, the licensee must notify
134.14 the commissioner within 15 business days. The licensee shall have 120 days from the
134.15 departure of the qualifying person to obtain a new qualifying person. Failure to secure a
134.16 new qualifying person within 120 days will, with or without notice, result in the automatic
134.17 termination of the license.

134.18 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.89, is amended to read:

134.19 **326.89 APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION.**

134.20 Subdivision 1. **Form.** An applicant for a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98
134.21 must submit an application ~~to the commissioner~~, under oath and accompanied by the
134.22 license fee required by section 326.86, on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

134.23 Within 30 business days of receiving all required information, the commissioner must
134.24 act on the license request. If one of the categories in the application does not apply, the
134.25 applicant must identify the category and state the reason the category does not apply. The
134.26 commissioner may refuse to issue a license if the application is not complete or contains
134.27 unsatisfactory information.

134.28 Subd. 2. **Contents.** ~~The~~ Each application must include the following information
134.29 regarding the applicant:

134.30 (1) Minnesota workers' compensation insurance certificate;

134.31 (2) employment insurance account number;

134.32 (3) certificate of liability insurance;

134.33 (4) type of license requested;

135.1 (5) name ~~and, current address of the applicant,~~ and telephone number where the
 135.2 applicant resides;

135.3 ~~(i)~~ (6) name and address of the applicant's qualifying person, if other than applicant;
 135.4 and

135.5 ~~(ii)~~ (7) if the applicant is a sole proprietorship, the name and address of the sole
 135.6 proprietor; if the applicant is a partnership, the name and address of each partner; if the
 135.7 applicant is a limited liability company, the name and address of each governor and
 135.8 manager; if the applicant is a corporation, the name and address of each of the corporate
 135.9 officers, directors, and all shareholders holding more than ten percent of the outstanding
 135.10 stock in the corporation;

135.11 (8) name and address of the applicant's agent in this state authorized to receive
 135.12 service of process, and a consent to service of process as required by section 326.93;

135.13 (9) current street address and telephone number where the business is physically
 135.14 located;

135.15 ~~(6)~~ (10) whether the applicant, any employee, or qualifying person has ever been
 135.16 licensed in this or any other state and has had a professional or vocational license
 135.17 reprimanded, censured, limited, conditioned, refused, suspended, or revoked, or has been
 135.18 the subject of any administrative action;

135.19 ~~(7)~~ (11) whether the applicant, qualifying person, or any of the applicant's corporate
 135.20 or partnership directors, limited liability company governors, officers, limited or general
 135.21 partners, managers, all shareholders holding more than ten percent of the share of the
 135.22 corporation that have been issued, or all members holding more than ten percent of the
 135.23 voting power of the membership interests that have been issued, has been convicted
 135.24 of a crime that either related directly to the business for which the license is sought or
 135.25 involved fraud, misrepresentation, or misuse of funds; has suffered a judgment in a civil
 135.26 action involving fraud, misrepresentation, construction defect, negligence, ~~or~~ breach
 135.27 of contract, or conversion of funds within the ten years prior to the submission of the
 135.28 application; or has had any government license or permit reprimanded, censured, limited,
 135.29 conditioned, suspended, or revoked as a result of an action brought by a federal, state, or
 135.30 local governmental unit or agency in this or any other state;

135.31 ~~(8)~~ (12) the applicant's and qualifying person's business history for the past five
 135.32 years and whether the applicant, ~~any a~~ managing employee, or qualifying person has ever
 135.33 filed for bankruptcy or protection from creditors or has any unsatisfied judgments against
 135.34 the applicant, employee, or qualifying person;

135.35 ~~(9)~~ (13) where the applicant is a firm, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited
 135.36 liability company, corporation, or association, whether there has been a sale or transfer of

136.1 the business or other change in ownership, control, or name in the last five years and the
 136.2 details thereof, and the names and addresses of all prior, predecessor, subsidiary, affiliated,
 136.3 parent, or related entities, and whether each such entity, or its owners, officers, directors,
 136.4 members or shareholders holding more than ten percent of the stock, or an employee has
 136.5 ever taken or been subject to an action that is subject to clause ~~(6), (7), or (8)~~ (10), (11),
 136.6 or (12) in the last ten years; and

136.7 ~~(10)~~ (14) whether the qualifying person is the qualifying person for more than one
 136.8 licensee.

136.9 For purposes of this subdivision, "applicant" includes employees who exercise
 136.10 management or policy control over the residential contracting ~~and remodeling,~~ residential
 136.11 remodeling, residential roofing, or manufactured home installation activities in the state
 136.12 of Minnesota, including affiliates, partners, directors, governors, officers, limited or
 136.13 general partners, managers, all shareholders holding more than ten percent of the shares
 136.14 that have been issued, a shareholder holding more than ten percent of the voting power
 136.15 of the shares that have been issued, or all members holding more than ten percent of the
 136.16 membership interests that have been issued or more than ten percent of the voting power
 136.17 of the membership interests that have been issued.

136.18 The commissioner may require further information as the commissioner deems
 136.19 appropriate to administer the provisions and further the purposes of this chapter.

136.20 Subd. 3. **Examination.** (a) Each qualifying person must satisfactorily complete a
 136.21 written examination for the type of license requested. The commissioner may establish
 136.22 the examination qualifications, including related education experience and education, the
 136.23 examination procedure, and the examination for each licensing group. The examination
 136.24 must include at a minimum the following areas:

136.25 (1) appropriate knowledge of technical terms commonly used and the knowledge of
 136.26 reference materials and code books to be used for technical information; and

136.27 (2) understanding of the general principles of business management and other
 136.28 pertinent state laws.

136.29 (b) Each examination must be designed for the specified type of license requested.

136.30 ~~The council shall advise the commissioner on the grading, monitoring, and updating of~~
 136.31 ~~examinations.~~

136.32 (c) ~~A person's~~ An individual's passing examination results expire two years from
 136.33 the examination date. ~~A person~~ An individual who passes the examination but does not
 136.34 choose to apply to act as a qualifying person for a licensee within two years from the
 136.35 examination date, must, upon application provide:

136.36 (1) passing examination results within two years from the date of application; or

137.1 (2) proof that the person has fulfilled the continuing education requirements in
 137.2 section 326.87 in the manner required for a qualifying person of a licensee for each license
 137.3 period after the expiration of the examination results.

137.4 ~~Subd. 4. **Competency skills.** The commissioner shall, in consultation with the~~
 137.5 ~~council, determine the competency skills and installation knowledge required for the~~
 137.6 ~~licensing of specialty contractors.~~

137.7 Subd. 5. **Exemption.** A general retailer whose primary business is not being a
 137.8 residential building contractor, residential remodeler, ~~or specialty contractor~~ residential
 137.9 roofer, or manufactured home installer, and who has completed a ~~comparable~~ license
 137.10 examination meeting or exceeding Minnesota's examination requirements in another state
 137.11 is exempt from ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision 3 and 4 and sections 326.87 and 326.88.

137.12 Subd. 6. **Additional licensing requirements.** As an alternative to denying an
 137.13 application for licensure pursuant to section 326.91, subdivision 1, the commissioner
 137.14 may, as a condition of licensure and based upon information received pursuant to
 137.15 section 326.89, subdivision 2, clauses (6) to (8), or a finding pursuant to section 326.91,
 137.16 subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (9), impose additional insurance, bonding, reporting, record
 137.17 keeping, and other requirements on the applicant as are reasonable to protect the public.

137.18 Subd. 7. **License.** A nonresident of Minnesota may be licensed as a residential
 137.19 building contractor, residential remodeler, residential roofer, or manufactured home
 137.20 installer upon compliance with all the provisions of sections 326.83 to 326.98.

137.21 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.90, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

137.22 Subdivision 1. **Local license prohibited.** Except as provided in sections 326.90,
 137.23 subdivision 2, ~~and 326.991~~, a political subdivision may not require a person licensed
 137.24 under sections 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98 to also be licensed or pay a registration or other
 137.25 fee related to licensure under any ordinance, law, rule, or regulation of the political
 137.26 subdivision. This section does not prohibit charges for building permits or other charges
 137.27 not directly related to licensure.

137.28 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.91, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

137.29 Subdivision 1. **Cause Grounds.** ~~The commissioner may by order deny, suspend, or~~
 137.30 ~~revoke any license or may censure a licensee, and may impose a civil penalty as provided~~
 137.31 ~~for in section 45.027, subdivision 6, if the commissioner finds that the order is in the~~
 137.32 ~~public interest, and that the applicant, licensee, or affiliate of an applicant or licensee, or~~
 137.33 ~~other agent, owner, partner, director, governor, shareholder, member, officer, qualifying~~
 137.34 ~~person, or managing employee of the applicant or licensee or any person occupying a~~

138.1 ~~similar status or performing similar functions.~~ In addition to the grounds set forth in
 138.2 section 326B.082, subdivision 11, the commissioner may deny, suspend, limit, place
 138.3 conditions on, or revoke a license or certificate of exemption, or may censure the person
 138.4 holding the license or certificate of exemption, if the applicant, licensee, certificate of
 138.5 exemption holder, qualifying person, or affiliate of an applicant, licensee, or certificate of
 138.6 exemption holder, or other agent owner has:

138.7 (1) has filed an application for ~~a license~~ licensure or a certificate of exemption
 138.8 which is incomplete in any material respect or contains any statement which, in light
 138.9 of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading with respect to any
 138.10 material fact;

138.11 (2) has engaged in a fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest practice;

138.12 (3) is permanently or temporarily enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction
 138.13 from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice involving any aspect of the
 138.14 business;

138.15 (4) has failed to reasonably supervise employees, agents, subcontractors, or
 138.16 salespersons, or has performed negligently or in breach of contract, so as to cause injury
 138.17 or harm to the public;

138.18 (5) has violated or failed to comply with any provision of sections 326.83 to 326.98
 138.19 ~~or~~ any rule or order under sections 326.83 to 326.98 or any other law, rule, or order related
 138.20 to the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the commissioner;

138.21 ~~(6) has been shown to be incompetent, untrustworthy, or financially irresponsible;~~

138.22 ~~(7)~~ (6) has been convicted of a violation of the State Building Code or, ~~in~~
 138.23 ~~jurisdictions that do not enforce the State Building Code,~~ has refused to comply with
 138.24 a notice of violation or stop order issued by a certified building official, or in local
 138.25 jurisdictions that have not adopted the State Building Code has refused to correct a
 138.26 violation of the State Building Code when the violation has been ~~certified~~ documented
 138.27 or a notice of violation or stop order issued by a Minnesota licensed structural engineer
 138.28 certified building official has been received;

138.29 ~~(8)~~ (7) has failed to use the proceeds of any payment made to the licensee for the
 138.30 construction of, or any improvement to, residential real estate, as defined in section 326.83,
 138.31 subdivision 17, for the payment of labor, skill, material, and machinery contributed to the
 138.32 construction or improvement, knowing that the cost of any labor performed, or skill,
 138.33 material, or machinery furnished for the improvement remains unpaid;

138.34 ~~(9)~~ (8) has not furnished to the person making payment either a valid lien waiver as to
 138.35 any unpaid labor performed, or skill, material, or machinery furnished for an improvement,

139.1 or a payment bond in the basic amount of the contract price for the improvement
 139.2 conditioned for the prompt payment to any person or persons entitled to payment;

139.3 ~~(10) has engaged in conduct which was the basis for a contractor's recovery fund~~
 139.4 ~~payment pursuant to section 326.975, which payment has not been reimbursed;~~ (9) has
 139.5 engaged in an act or practice that results in compensation to an aggrieved owner or lessee
 139.6 from the contractor recovery fund pursuant to section 36B.825, unless:

139.7 (i) the applicant or licensee has repaid the fund twice the amount paid from the fund,
 139.8 plus interest at the rate of 12 percent per year; and

139.9 (ii) the applicant or licensee has obtained a surety bond in the amount of at least
 139.10 \$40,000, issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state.

139.11 ~~(11)~~ (10) has engaged in bad faith, unreasonable delays, or frivolous claims in
 139.12 defense of a civil lawsuit or arbitration arising out of their activities as a licensee or
 139.13 certificate of exemption holder under this chapter;

139.14 ~~(12)~~ (11) has had a judgment entered against them for failure to make payments to
 139.15 employees or subcontractors, or suppliers, that the licensee has failed to satisfy and all
 139.16 appeals of the judgment have been exhausted or the period for appeal has expired;

139.17 ~~(13)~~ (12) if unlicensed, has obtained a building permit by the fraudulent use of a
 139.18 fictitious license number or the license number of another, or, if licensed, has knowingly
 139.19 allowed an unlicensed person to use the licensee's license number for the purpose of
 139.20 fraudulently obtaining a building permit; or has applied for or obtained a building permit
 139.21 for an unlicensed person.

139.22 ~~(14)~~ (13) has made use of a forged mechanics' mechanic's lien waivers waiver under
 139.23 chapter 514;

139.24 (14) has provided false, misleading or incomplete information to the commissioner
 139.25 or has refused to allow a reasonable inspection of records or premises;

139.26 (15) has engaged in an act or practice whether or not the act or practice directly
 139.27 involves the business for which the person is licensed, that demonstrates that the applicant
 139.28 or licensee is untrustworthy, financially irresponsible, or otherwise incompetent or
 139.29 unqualified to act under the license granted by the commissioner; or

139.30 (16) has failed to comply with requests for information, documents, or other requests
 139.31 from the department within the time specified in the request or, if no time is specified,
 139.32 within 30 days of the mailing of the request by the department.

139.33 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.92, is amended to read:

139.34 **326.92 PENALTIES.**

140.1 ~~Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor.** A person required to be licensed under sections~~
 140.2 ~~326.83 to 326.991 who performs unlicensed work is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

140.3 Subd. 1a. **Gross misdemeanor.** ~~A person required to be licensed under sections~~
 140.4 ~~326.84 to 326.991 who violates an order under subdivision 3~~ An individual who violates
 140.5 an order of the commissioner or is the manager, officer, or director of a person who
 140.6 violates an order issued by the commissioner is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

140.7 Subd. 2. **Lien rights.** An unlicensed person who knowingly violates sections 326.83
 140.8 to 326.98 has no right to claim a lien under section 514.01 and the lien is void. Nothing
 140.9 in this section affects the lien rights of material suppliers and licensed contractors to the
 140.10 extent provided by law.

140.11 ~~Subd. 3. **Commissioner action.** The commissioner may bring actions, including~~
 140.12 ~~cease and desist actions, against any person licensed or required to be licensed under~~
 140.13 ~~sections 326.83 to 326.991 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.~~

140.14 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.921, is amended to read:

140.15 **326.921 BUILDING PERMIT CONDITIONED ON LICENSURE; NOTICE**
 140.16 **OF PERMIT APPLICATION.**

140.17 Subdivision 1. **Building permit.** A political subdivision shall not issue a building
 140.18 permit to an unlicensed person who is required to be licensed under sections 326.83 to
 140.19 ~~326.991~~ 326.98. A political subdivision that issues zoning or land use permits in lieu of
 140.20 a building permit shall not issue those permits to an unlicensed person who is required
 140.21 to be licensed under sections 326.83 to ~~326.991~~ 326.98. The political subdivision shall
 140.22 report the person applying for the permit to the commissioner who may bring an action
 140.23 against the person.

140.24 Subd. 2. **Notice of building permit application.** A political subdivision shall notify
 140.25 the department when an application for building permit involving the construction of new
 140.26 residential real estate has been received from an unlicensed person by submitting a copy
 140.27 of the application to the department within two business days of receipt of the application.
 140.28 The political subdivision may submit a copy of the building permit application by
 140.29 facsimile, United States mail, or electronic communication.

140.30 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.93, is amended to read:

140.31 **326.93 SERVICE OF PROCESS; NONRESIDENT LICENSING.**

140.32 ~~Subdivision 1. **License.** A nonresident of Minnesota may be licensed as a residential~~
 140.33 ~~building contractor or residential remodeler upon compliance with all the provisions of~~
 140.34 ~~sections 326.83 to 326.991.~~

141.1 ~~Subd. 2. **Service of process.** Service of process upon a person performing work in~~
141.2 ~~the state of a type that would require a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 may be~~
141.3 ~~made as provided in section 45.028.~~

141.4 Subd. 3. **Procedure.** Every applicant for licensure or certificate of exemption
141.5 under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall irrevocably consent to the appointment of the
141.6 commissioner and successors in office to be the applicant's agent to receive service of any
141.7 lawful process in any noncriminal suit, action, or proceeding against the applicant or a
141.8 successor, executor, or administrator which arises under section 326.83 to 326.98 or any
141.9 rule or order thereunder after the consent has been filed, with the same force and validity
141.10 as if served personally on the person filing the consent. Service under this section shall be
141.11 made in compliance with subdivision 5.

141.12 Subd. 4. **Service on commissioner.** (a) When a person, including any nonresident
141.13 of this state, engages in conduct prohibited or made actionable by sections 326.83 to
141.14 326.98, or any rule or order under those sections, and the person has not consented to
141.15 service of process under subdivision 3, that conduct is equivalent to an appointment of the
141.16 commissioner and successors in office as the person's agent to receive service of process in
141.17 any noncriminal suit, action, or proceeding against the person that is based on that conduct
141.18 and is brought under sections 326.83 to 326.98, or any rule or order under those sections,
141.19 with the same force and validity as if served personally on the person consenting to the
141.20 appointment of the commissioner and successors in office. Service under this section shall
141.21 be made in compliance with subdivision 5.

141.22 (b) Subdivision 5 applies in all other cases in which a person, including a nonresident
141.23 of this state, has filed a consent to service of process. This paragraph supersedes any
141.24 inconsistent provision of law.

141.25 (c) Subdivision 5 applies in all cases in which service of process is allowed to be
141.26 made on the commissioner.

141.27 (d) Subdivision 5 applies to any document served by the commissioner or the
141.28 department under section 326B.08.

141.29 Subd. 5. **How made.** Service of process under this section may be made by leaving
141.30 a copy of the process in the office of the commissioner, or by sending a copy of the process
141.31 to the commissioner by certified mail, and is not effective unless:

141.32 (1) the plaintiff, who may be the commissioner in an action or proceeding instituted
141.33 by the commissioner, sends notice of the service and a copy of the process by certified
141.34 mail to the defendant or respondent at the last known address; and

141.35 (2) the plaintiff's affidavit of compliance is filed in the action or proceeding on or
141.36 before the return day of the process, if any, or within further time as the court allows.

142.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.94, is amended to read:

142.2 **326.94 BOND; INSURANCE.**

142.3 Subdivision 1. **Bond.** (a) Licensed manufactured home installers and licensed
142.4 residential roofers must post a ~~license~~ surety bond in the name of the licensee with the
142.5 commissioner, conditioned that the applicant shall faithfully perform the duties and
142.6 in all things comply with all laws, ordinances, and rules pertaining to the license or
142.7 permit applied for and all contracts entered into. The annual bond must be continuous
142.8 and maintained for so long as the licensee remains licensed. The aggregate liability of
142.9 the surety on the bond to any and all persons, regardless of the number of claims made
142.10 against the bond, may not exceed the amount of the bond. The bond may be canceled as
142.11 to future liability by the surety upon 30 days' written notice mailed to the commissioner
142.12 by regular mail.

142.13 (b) A licensed residential roofer must post a bond of at least ~~\$5,000~~ \$15,000.

142.14 (c) A licensed manufactured home installer must post a bond of at least \$2,500.

142.15 Bonds issued under sections 326.83 to 326.98 are not state bonds or contracts for
142.16 purposes of sections 8.05 and 16C.05, subdivision 2.

142.17 Subd. 2. **Insurance.** Licensees must have public liability insurance with limits of at
142.18 least ~~\$100,000~~ \$300,000 per occurrence, which must include at least \$10,000 property
142.19 damage coverage. The insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to do business in
142.20 this state. The commissioner may increase the minimum amount of insurance required
142.21 for any licensee or class of licensees if the commissioner considers it to be in the public
142.22 interest and necessary to protect the interests of Minnesota consumers.

142.23 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.95, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

142.24 Subd. 2. **Advertising.** The license number of a licensee must appear in any
142.25 advertising by that licensee including but not limited to signs, vehicles, business cards,
142.26 published display ads, flyers, ~~and~~ brochures, Web sites, and Internet ads.

142.27 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.96, is amended to read:

142.28 **326.96 PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

142.29 The commissioner may develop materials and programs to educate the public
142.30 concerning licensing licensure requirements and methods. The commissioner may
142.31 develop materials for reporting unlicensed contracting activity. The commissioner shall
142.32 provide information in other languages.

143.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.97, is amended to read:

143.2 **326.97 LICENSE RENEWAL.**

143.3 Subdivision 1. **Renewal.** ~~Licensees~~ A licensee whose applications have fully
143.4 completed renewal application has been properly and timely filed and who ~~have~~ has
143.5 not received a notice of denial of renewal ~~are~~ is considered to have been approved for
143.6 renewal and may continue to transact business whether or not the renewed license has
143.7 been received. Applications are timely if received ~~or postmarked~~ by March 1 of the
143.8 renewal year. Applications must be made on a form approved by the commissioner.
143.9 An application for renewal that does not contain all of the information requested is an
143.10 incomplete application and will not be processed.

143.11 Subd. 1a. **Annual renewal.** Any license issued or renewed after August 1, 1993,
143.12 must be renewed annually.

143.13 Subd. 2. **Failure to apply renew.** A person who has failed to make a timely
143.14 application for renewal of a license by March 31 of the renewal year is unlicensed at
143.15 11:59:59 p.m. central time on March 31 of the renewal year and remains unlicensed until
143.16 the a renewed license has been issued by the commissioner and is received by the applicant.

143.17 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** All licenses expire at 11:59:59 p.m. central time on March 31
143.18 of the renewal year if not properly renewed.

143.19 Sec. 24. **[326B.801] SCOPE.**

143.20 Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of sections 326B.801 to
143.21 326B.825 apply to residential contractors, residential remodelers, residential roofers,
143.22 and manufactured home installers.

143.23 Sec. 25. **[326B.809] WRITTEN CONTRACT REQUIRED.**

143.24 (a) All agreements including proposals, estimates, bids, quotations, contracts,
143.25 purchase orders, and change orders between a licensee and a customer for the performance
143.26 of a licensee's services must be in writing and must contain the following:

143.27 (1) a detailed summary of the services to be performed;

143.28 (2) a description of the specific materials to be used or a list of standard features
143.29 to be included; and

143.30 (3) the total contract price or a description of the basis on which the price will
143.31 be calculated.

143.32 (b) All agreements shall be signed and dated by the licensee and customer.

144.1 (c) The licensee shall provide to the customer, at no charge, a signed and dated
144.2 document at the time that the licensee and customer sign and date the document.
144.3 Documents include agreements and mechanic's lien waivers.

144.4 Sec. 26. **[326B.814] REHABILITATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.**

144.5 Chapter 364 does not apply to an applicant for a license or to a licensee where
144.6 the underlying conduct on which the conviction is based would be grounds for denial,
144.7 censure, suspension, or revocation of the license.

144.8 Sec. 27. **[326B.82] DEFINITIONS.**

144.9 Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** For the purposes of section 326.87,
144.10 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them, unless the context clearly
144.11 indicates otherwise.

144.12 Subd. 2. **Appropriate and related knowledge.** "Appropriate and related
144.13 knowledge" means facts, information, or principles that are clearly relevant to the licensee
144.14 in performing responsibilities under a license issued by the commissioner. These facts,
144.15 information, or principles must convey substantive and procedural knowledge as it relates
144.16 to postlicensing issues and must be relevant to the technical aspects of a particular area
144.17 of continuing education.

144.18 Subd. 3. **Classroom hour.** "Classroom hour" means a 50-minute hour.

144.19 Subd. 4. **Coordinator.** "Coordinator" means an individual who is responsible for
144.20 monitoring approved educational offerings.

144.21 Subd. 5. **Instructor.** "Instructor" means an individual lecturing in an approved
144.22 educational offering.

144.23 Subd. 6. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a person licensed by the Minnesota
144.24 Department of Labor and Industry for whom an examination is required before licensure.

144.25 Subd. 7. **Medical hardship.** "Medical hardship" includes a documented physical
144.26 disability or medical condition.

144.27 Subd. 8. **Overpayment.** "Overpayment" means any payment of money in excess
144.28 of a statutory fee.

144.29 Subd. 9. **Regulated industries.** "Regulated industries" means residential
144.30 contracting, residential remodeling, or residential roofing. Each of these is a regulated
144.31 industry.

144.32 Subd. 10. **Sponsor.** "Sponsor" means any person or entity offering or providing
144.33 approved continuing education.

145.1 Sec. 28. **[326B.89] CONTRACTOR RECOVERY FUND.**

145.2 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
 145.3 have the meanings given them.

145.4 (b) "Gross annual receipts" means the total amount derived from residential
 145.5 contracting or residential remodeling activities, regardless of where the activities are
 145.6 performed, and must not be reduced by costs of goods sold, expenses, losses, or any
 145.7 other amount.

145.8 (c) "Licensee" means a person licensed as a residential contractor or residential
 145.9 remodeler.

145.10 (d) "Residential real estate" means a new or existing building constructed for
 145.11 habitation by one to four families, and includes detached garages.

145.12 (e) "Fund" means the contractor recovery fund.

145.13 **Subd. 2. Generally.** The contractor recovery fund is created in the state treasury
 145.14 and shall be administered by the commissioner for the purposes described in this section.
 145.15 Any interest or profit accruing from investment of money in the fund shall be credited
 145.16 to the contractor recovery fund.

145.17 **Subd. 3. Fund fees.** In addition to any other fees, a person who applies for or
 145.18 renews a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall pay a fee to the fund. The person
 145.19 shall pay, in addition to the appropriate application or renewal fee, the following additional
 145.20 fee that shall be deposited in the fund. The amount of the fee shall be based on the person's
 145.21 gross annual receipts for the person's most recent fiscal year preceding the application or
 145.22 renewal, on the following scale:

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Gross Annual Receipts</u>
145.23 \$160	145.24 <u>under \$1,000,000</u>
145.25 \$210	145.25 <u>\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000</u>
145.26 \$260	145.26 <u>over \$5,000,000</u>

145.27 **Subd. 4. Purpose of fund.** The purpose of this fund is to:

145.28 (1) compensate owners or lessees of residential real estate who meet the requirements
 145.29 of this section;

145.30 (2) reimburse the department for all legal and administrative expenses,
 145.31 disbursements, and costs, including staffing costs, incurred in administering and defending
 145.32 the fund;

145.33 (3) pay for educational or research projects in the field of residential contracting to
 145.34 further the purposes of sections 326B.801 to 326B.825; and

145.35 (4) provide information to the public on residential contracting issues.

146.1 Subd. 5. **Payment limitations.** Except as otherwise provided in this section,
146.2 the commissioner shall not pay compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee
146.3 in an amount greater than \$75,000. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
146.4 commissioner shall not pay compensation from the fund to owners and lessees in an
146.5 amount that totals more than \$150,000 per licensee. The commissioner shall not pay
146.6 compensation from the fund for a final judgment based on a cause of action that arose
146.7 before the commissioner's receipt of the licensee's fee required by subdivision 3.

146.8 Subd. 6. **Verified application.** To be eligible for compensation from the fund, an
146.9 owner or lessee shall serve on the commissioner a verified application for compensation
146.10 on a form approved by the commissioner. The application shall verify the following
146.11 information:

146.12 (1) the specific grounds upon which the owner or lessee seeks to recover from
146.13 the fund:

146.14 (2) that the owner or the lessee has obtained a final judgment in a court of competent
146.15 jurisdiction against a licensee licensed under section 326B.803;

146.16 (3) that the final judgment was obtained against the licensee on the grounds of
146.17 fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest practices, conversion of funds, or failure of performance
146.18 that arose directly out of a transaction that occurred when the licensee was licensed and
146.19 performing any of the special skills enumerated under section 326B.802, subdivision 19;

146.20 (4) the amount of the owner's or the lessee's actual and direct out-of-pocket loss on
146.21 the owner's residential real estate, on residential real estate leased by the lessee, or on new
146.22 residential real estate that has never been occupied or that was occupied by the licensee
146.23 for less than one year prior to purchase by the owner;

146.24 (5) that the residential real estate is located in Minnesota;

146.25 (6) that the owner or the lessee is not the spouse of the licensee or the personal
146.26 representative of the licensee;

146.27 (7) the amount of the final judgment, any amount paid in satisfaction of the final
146.28 judgment, and the amount owing on the final judgment as of the date of the verified
146.29 application; and

146.30 (8) that the verified application is being served within two years after the judgment
146.31 became final.

146.32 The owner's and the lessee's actual and direct out-of-pocket loss shall not include
146.33 attorney fees, interest on the loss, and interest on the final judgment obtained as a result of
146.34 the loss. An owner or lessee may serve a verified application regardless of whether the
146.35 final judgment has been discharged by a bankruptcy court. A judgment issued by a court is
146.36 final if all proceedings on the judgment have either been pursued and concluded or been

147.1 forgone, including all reviews and appeals. For purposes of this section, owners who are
147.2 joint tenants or tenants in common are deemed to be a single owner. For purposes of this
147.3 section, owners and lessees eligible for payment of compensation from the fund shall not
147.4 include government agencies, political subdivisions, financial institutions, and any other
147.5 entity that purchases, guarantees, or insures a loan secured by real estate.

147.6 Subd. 7. **Commissioner review.** The commissioner shall within 120 days after
147.7 receipt of the verified application:

147.8 (1) enter into an agreement with an owner or a lessee that resolves the verified
147.9 application for compensation from the fund; or

147.10 (2) issue an order to the owner or the lessee accepting, modifying, or denying the
147.11 verified application for compensation from the fund.

147.12 Upon receipt of an order issued under clause (2), the owner or the lessee shall have
147.13 30 days to serve upon the commissioner a written request for a hearing. If the owner or
147.14 the lessee does not serve upon the commissioner a timely written request for hearing, the
147.15 order issued under clause (2) shall become a final order of the commissioner that may not
147.16 be reviewed by any court or agency. The commissioner shall order compensation from
147.17 the fund only if the owner or the lessee has filed a verified application that complies with
147.18 subdivision 6 and if the commissioner determines based on review of the application that
147.19 compensation should be paid from the fund. The commissioner shall not be bound by any
147.20 prior settlement, compromise, or stipulation between the owner or the lessee and the
147.21 licensee.

147.22 Subd. 8. **Administrative hearing.** If an owner or a lessee timely serves a request
147.23 for hearing under subdivision 7, the commissioner shall request that an administrative law
147.24 judge be assigned and that a hearing be conducted under the contested case provisions
147.25 of chapter 14 within 30 days after the service of the request for hearing upon the
147.26 commissioner. Upon petition of the commissioner, the administrative law judge shall
147.27 continue the hearing up to 60 days and upon a showing of good cause may continue the
147.28 hearing for such additional period as the administrative law judge deems appropriate.
147.29 At the hearing the owner or the lessee shall have the burden of proving by substantial
147.30 evidence under subdivision 6, clauses (1) to (8). The administrative law judge shall issue
147.31 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order. If the administrative law judge finds that
147.32 compensation should be paid to the owner or the lessee, the administrative law judge
147.33 shall order the commissioner to make payment from the fund of the amount it finds to be
147.34 payable pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the limitations contained in
147.35 this section. The order of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of

148.1 the agency in the contested case. Judicial review of the administrative law judge's findings
148.2 of fact, conclusions of law, and order shall be in accordance with sections 14.63 to 14.69.

148.3 Subd. 9. **Satisfaction of applications for compensation.** The commissioner shall
148.4 pay compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to the terms of an
148.5 agreement that has been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), or pursuant to a final
148.6 order that has been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8 by December 1
148.7 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year during which the agreement was entered into or
148.8 during which the order became final, subject to the limitations of this section. At the end
148.9 of each fiscal year the commissioner shall calculate the amount of compensation to be
148.10 paid from the fund pursuant to agreements that have been entered into under subdivision
148.11 7, clause (1), and final orders that have been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or
148.12 subdivision 8. If the calculated amount exceeds the amount available for payment, then
148.13 the commissioner shall allocate the amount available among the owners and the lessees
148.14 in the ratio that the amount agreed to or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee
148.15 bears to the amount calculated. The commissioner shall mail notice of the allocation to
148.16 all owners and lessees not less than 45 days following the end of the fiscal year. Any
148.17 compensation paid by the commissioner in accordance with this subdivision shall be
148.18 deemed to satisfy and extinguish any right to compensation from the fund based upon the
148.19 verified application of the owner or lessee.

148.20 Subd. 10. **Right of subrogation.** If the commissioner pays compensation from the
148.21 fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to an agreement under subdivision 7, clause (1), or a
148.22 final order issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8, then the commissioner
148.23 shall be subrogated to all of the rights, title, and interest in the owner's or lessee's final
148.24 judgment in the amount of compensation paid from the fund and the owner or the lessee
148.25 shall assign to the commissioner all rights, title, and interest in the final judgment in
148.26 the amount of compensation paid. The commissioner shall deposit in the fund money
148.27 recovered under this subdivision.

148.28 Subd. 11. **Effect of section on commissioner's authority.** Nothing contained
148.29 in this section shall limit the authority of the commissioner to take disciplinary action
148.30 against a licensee under the provisions of this chapter. A licensee's repayment in full of
148.31 obligations to the fund shall not nullify or modify the effect of any other disciplinary
148.32 proceeding brought under the provisions of this chapter.

148.33 Subd. 12. **Limitation.** Nothing may obligate the fund to compensate:
148.34 (1) insurers or sureties under subrogation or similar theories; or

149.1 (2) owner of residential property for final judgments against a prior owner of the
149.2 residential property unless the claim is brought and judgment is rendered for breach of the
149.3 statutory warranty set forth in chapter 327A.

149.4 Subd. 13. **Condominiums or townhouses.** For purposes of this section, the owner
149.5 or the lessee of a condominium or townhouse is considered an owner or a lessee of
149.6 residential property regardless of the number of residential units per building.

149.7 Subd. 14. **Accelerated compensation.** Payments made from the fund to compensate
149.8 owners and lessees that do not exceed the jurisdiction limits for conciliation court matters
149.9 as specified in section 491A.01 may be paid on an accelerated basis if all of the following
149.10 requirements have been satisfied:

149.11 (a) The owner or the lessee has served upon the commissioner a verified application
149.12 for compensation that complies with the requirements set out in subdivision 6 and the
149.13 commissioner determines based on review of the application that compensation should be
149.14 paid from the fund. The commissioner shall calculate the actual and direct out-of-pocket
149.15 loss in the transaction, minus attorney fees, interest on the loss and on the judgment
149.16 obtained as a result of the loss, and any satisfaction of the judgment, and make payment
149.17 to the owner or the lessee up to the conciliation court jurisdiction limits within 15 days
149.18 after the owner or lessee serves the verified application.

149.19 (b) The commissioner may pay compensation to owners or lessees that totals not
149.20 more than \$50,000 per licensee per fiscal year under this accelerated process. The
149.21 commissioner may prorate the amount of compensation paid to owners or lessees under
149.22 this subdivision if applications submitted by owners and lessees seek compensation in
149.23 excess of \$50,000 against a licensee. Any unpaid portion of a verified application that
149.24 has been prorated under this subdivision shall be satisfied in the manner set forth in
149.25 subdivision 9.

149.26 Subd. 15. **Appropriation.** Money in the fund is appropriated to the commissioner
149.27 for the purposes of this section.

149.28 Subd. 16. **Additional assessment.** If the balance in the fund is at any time less than
149.29 the commissioner determines is necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, every
149.30 licensee, when renewing a license, shall pay, in addition to the annual renewal fee and the
149.31 fee set forth in subdivision 3 an assessment not to exceed \$100. The commissioner shall
149.32 set the amount of assessment based on a reasonable determination of the amount that is
149.33 necessary to restore a balance in the fund adequate to carry out the purposes of this section.

149.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
149.35 subdivisions 1, 3, and 15 are effective July 1, 2007.

150.1 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 541.051, is amended to read:

150.2 **541.051 LIMITATION OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES BASED ON SERVICES**
 150.3 **OR CONSTRUCTION TO IMPROVE REAL PROPERTY.**

150.4 Subdivision 1. **Limitation; service or construction of real property;**
 150.5 **improvements.** (a) Except where fraud is involved, no action by any person in contract,
 150.6 tort, or otherwise to recover damages for any injury to property, real or personal, or for
 150.7 bodily injury or wrongful death, arising out of the defective and unsafe condition of an
 150.8 improvement to real property, ~~nor any action for contribution or indemnity for damages~~
 150.9 ~~sustained on account of the injury,~~ shall be brought against any person performing or
 150.10 furnishing the design, planning, supervision, materials, or observation of construction
 150.11 or construction of the improvement to real property or against the owner of the real
 150.12 property more than two years after discovery of the injury ~~or, in the case of an action for~~
 150.13 ~~contribution or indemnity, accrual of the cause of action,~~ nor; in any event shall such a
 150.14 cause of action accrue more than ten years after substantial completion of the construction.
 150.15 Date of substantial completion shall be determined by the date when construction is
 150.16 sufficiently completed so that the owner or the owner's representative can occupy or use
 150.17 the improvement for the intended purpose.

150.18 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an action for contribution or indemnity arising
 150.19 out of the defective and unsafe condition of an improvement to real property may be
 150.20 brought no later than two years after the cause of action for contribution or indemnity has
 150.21 accrued, regardless of whether it accrued before or after the ten-year period referenced in
 150.22 paragraph (a).

150.23 ~~(b)~~ (c) For purposes of paragraph (a), a cause of action accrues upon discovery of
 150.24 the injury ~~or,~~ provided that in the case of an action for contribution or indemnity under
 150.25 paragraph (b), upon a cause of action accrues upon the earlier of commencement of the
 150.26 action against the party seeking contribution or indemnity, or payment of a final judgment,
 150.27 arbitration award, or settlement arising out of the defective and unsafe condition.

150.28 ~~(c)~~ (d) Nothing in this section shall apply to actions for damages resulting from
 150.29 negligence in the maintenance, operation or inspection of the real property improvement
 150.30 against the owner or other person in possession.

150.31 ~~(d)~~ (e) The limitations prescribed in this section do not apply to the manufacturer or
 150.32 supplier of any equipment or machinery installed upon real property.

150.33 Subd. 2. **Action allowed; limitation.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision
 150.34 1, paragraph (a), in the case of ~~an~~ a cause of action which accrues during the ninth or tenth
 150.35 year after substantial completion of the construction, an action to recover damages may be
 150.36 brought within two years after the date on which the cause of action accrued, but in no

151.1 event may such an action be brought more than 12 years after substantial completion of
 151.2 the construction. Nothing in this subdivision shall limit the time for bringing an action for
 151.3 contribution or indemnity.

151.4 Subd. 3. **Not construed.** Nothing in this section shall be construed as extending the
 151.5 period prescribed by the laws of this state for the bringing of any action.

151.6 Subd. 4. **Applicability.** For the purposes of actions based on breach of the statutory
 151.7 warranties set forth in section 327A.02, or to actions based on breach of an express written
 151.8 warranty, such actions shall be brought within two years of the discovery of the breach. In
 151.9 the case of an action under section 327A.05, which accrues during the ninth or tenth year
 151.10 after the warranty date, as defined in section 327A.01, subdivision 8, an action may be
 151.11 brought within two years of the discovery of the breach, but in no event may an action
 151.12 under section 327A.05 be brought more than 12 years after the effective warranty date.
 151.13 An action for contribution or indemnity arising out of actions described in this subdivision
 151.14 may be brought no later than two years after the earlier of commencement of the action
 151.15 against the party seeking contribution or indemnity, or payment of a final judgment,
 151.16 arbitration award, or settlement arising out of the breach.

151.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactive to June 30, 2006.

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

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

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
151.22		
151.23	<u>325E.58</u>	<u>326B.865</u>
151.24	<u>326.83</u>	<u>326B.802</u>
151.25	<u>326.84</u>	<u>326B.805</u>
151.26	<u>326.841</u>	<u>327B.041</u>
151.27	<u>326.842</u>	<u>326B.81</u>
151.28	<u>326.86</u>	<u>326B.815</u>
151.29	<u>326.87</u>	<u>326B.82</u>
151.30	<u>326.88</u>	<u>326B.825</u>
151.31	<u>326.89</u>	<u>326B.83</u>
151.32	<u>326.90</u>	<u>326B.835</u>
151.33	<u>326.91</u>	<u>326B.84</u>
151.34	<u>326.92</u>	<u>326B.845</u>
151.35	<u>326.921</u>	<u>326B.85</u>
151.36	<u>326.93</u>	<u>326B.855</u>
151.37	<u>326.94</u>	<u>326B.86</u>

152.1	<u>326.95</u>	<u>326B.87</u>
152.2	<u>326.951</u>	<u>326B.875</u>
152.3	<u>326.96</u>	<u>326B.88</u>
152.4	<u>326.97</u>	<u>326B.885</u>

ARTICLE 9

BOILERS; PRESSURE VESSELS; BOATS

152.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.38, is amended to read:

152.8 **183.38 BOILER INSPECTOR; INSPECTIONS; EXAMINATIONS;**
 152.9 **LICENSES.**

152.10 Subdivision 1. **All boilers inspected.** The ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~
 152.11 commissioner shall inspect all boilers and pressure vessels in use not expressly excepted
 152.12 from such inspection by law. ~~Immediately~~ Upon inspection the ~~Division of Boiler~~
 152.13 ~~Inspection~~ commissioner shall issue a certificate of inspection therefor or a certificate
 152.14 condemning the boiler or pressure vessel and shall seal it. Forms for these licenses and
 152.15 certificates shall be prepared and furnished by the commissioner. The ~~Division of Boiler~~
 152.16 ~~Inspection~~ commissioner shall examine all applicants for engineer's licenses. The ~~chief of~~
 152.17 ~~the Division of Boiler Inspection~~ commissioner shall issue such license to an applicant as
 152.18 the examination shall show the applicant is entitled to receive.

152.19 Subd. 2. **Inspector's examination.** For the purpose of examining applicants
 152.20 for ~~license~~ a National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors commission, the
 152.21 ~~chief of the Division of Boiler Inspection or the deputy chief~~ commissioner shall fix and
 152.22 determine a time and place for the examinations, and give notice to all applicants of the
 152.23 time and place. The ~~chief or the deputy chief~~ commissioner shall grant and sign such
 152.24 license certificates as applicants are entitled to receive upon examination. Applicants may
 152.25 be examined and issued certificates of competency as inspectors of boilers and pressure
 152.26 vessels.

152.27 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.39, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

152.28 Subdivision 1. **Inspector requirements.** Each boiler inspector shall be ~~a person~~
 152.29 ~~of good moral character, shall be~~ licensed in this state as a chief grade A engineer, and
 152.30 must hold a national board commission as a boiler inspector within 12 months of being
 152.31 employed as a boiler inspector by the department. An inspector shall not be interested in
 152.32 the manufacture or sale of boilers or steam machinery or in any patented article required
 152.33 or generally used in the construction of engines or boilers or their appurtenances.

153.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.411, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

153.2 Subd. 2. **Inspection.** When used for display and demonstration purposes, steam
153.3 farm traction engines, portable and stationary show engines and portable and stationary
153.4 show boilers shall be inspected every two years according to law.

153.5 (a) Show boilers or engines not certified in Minnesota shall be inspected thoroughly
153.6 by a boiler inspector certified to inspect boilers in Minnesota, using inspection standards
153.7 in paragraph (b), before being certified for use in Minnesota.

153.8 (b) Standards for inspection of show boilers shall be those established by the
153.9 National Board Inspection Code ANSI/NB23 and by the rules adopted by the department
153.10 ~~of Labor and Industry, Division of Boiler Inspection~~, and as follows:

153.11 (1) the boiler shall be subjected to the appropriate method of nondestructive
153.12 examination, at the owner's expense, as deemed necessary by the boiler inspector to
153.13 determine soundness and safety of the boiler;

153.14 (2) the boiler shall be tested by ultrasonic examination for metal thickness (for
153.15 purposes of calculating the maximum allowable working pressure the thinnest reading
153.16 shall be used and a safety factor of six shall be used in calculating maximum allowable
153.17 working pressure on all non-ASME-code hobby and show boilers); and

153.18 (3) repairs and alterations made to show boilers must be made pursuant to section
153.19 183.466.

153.20 (c) Further each such object shall successfully complete an inspection of:

153.21 (1) the fusible plug;

153.22 (2) the safety valve, which must be of ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers'~~
153.23 ASME approved design and set at the maximum allowable working pressure and sealed in
153.24 an appropriate manner not allowing tampering with the valve setting without destroying
153.25 the seal; and

153.26 (3) the boiler power piping.

153.27 Any longitudinal cracks found in riveted longitudinal seams requires that the vessel
153.28 be sealed and not approved for use in Minnesota. If the boiler or show engine is jacketed,
153.29 the jacket must be removed prior to inspection.

153.30 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.42, is amended to read:

153.31 **183.42 INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION.**

153.32 Subdivision 1. **Inspection.** Every owner, lessee, or other person having charge of
153.33 boilers or pressure vessels subject to inspection under this chapter shall cause them to be
153.34 inspected by the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department. Except as provided in sections
153.35 183.411 and 183.45, boilers subject to inspection under this chapter must be inspected at

154.1 least annually and pressure vessels inspected at least every two years ~~except as provided~~
154.2 ~~under section 183.45~~. The commissioner shall assess a \$250 penalty per applicable boiler
154.3 or pressure vessel for failure to have the inspection required by this section and may seal
154.4 the boiler or pressure vessel for refusal to allow an inspection as required by this section.

154.5 Subd. 2. **Registration.** Every owner, lessee, or other person having charge of
154.6 boilers or pressure vessels subject to inspection under this chapter, except hobby boilers
154.7 under section 183.411, shall register said objects with the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~
154.8 department. The registration shall be renewed annually and is applicable to each object
154.9 separately. The fee for registration of a boiler or pressure vessel shall be pursuant to
154.10 section 183.545, subdivision 10. The ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department may issue
154.11 a billing statement for each boiler and pressure vessel on record with the division, and
154.12 may determine a monthly schedule of billings to be followed for owners, lessees, or other
154.13 persons having charge of a boiler or pressure vessel subject to inspection under this chapter.

154.14 Subd. 3. **Certificate of registration.** The ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department
154.15 shall issue a certificate of registration that lists the registered boilers and pressure vessels
154.16 at the location, expiration date of the certificate of registration, last inspection date of
154.17 each registered boiler and pressure vessel, and maximum allowable working pressure for
154.18 each registered boiler and pressure vessel. The commissioner may make an electronic
154.19 certificate of registration available to be printed by the owner, lessee, or other person
154.20 having charge of the registered boiler or pressure vessel.

154.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.45, is amended to read:

154.22 **183.45 INSPECTION.**

154.23 Subdivision 1. **Inspection requirements.** All boilers and steam generators must
154.24 be inspected by the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ department before they are used and
154.25 all boilers must be inspected at least once each year thereafter except as provided under
154.26 subdivision 2 or section 183.411. Inspectors may subject all boilers to hydrostatic pressure
154.27 or hammer test, and shall ascertain by a thorough internal and external examination
154.28 that they are well made and of good and suitable material; that the openings for the
154.29 passage of water and steam, respectively, and all pipes and tubes exposed to heat, are of
154.30 proper dimensions and free from obstructions; that the flues are circular in form; that the
154.31 arrangements for delivering the feed water are such that the boilers cannot be injured
154.32 thereby; and that such boilers and their connections may be safely used without danger to
154.33 life or property. Inspectors shall ascertain that the safety valves are of suitable dimensions,
154.34 sufficient in number, and properly arranged, and that the safety valves are so adjusted as
154.35 to allow no greater pressure in the boilers than the amount prescribed by the inspector's

155.1 certificate; that there is a sufficient number of gauge cocks, properly inserted, to indicate
155.2 the amount of water, and suitable gauges that will correctly record the pressure; and
155.3 that the fusible metals are properly inserted where required so as to fuse by the heat of
155.4 the furnace whenever the water in the boiler falls below its prescribed limit; and that
155.5 provisions are made for an ample supply of water to feed the boilers at all times; and that
155.6 means for blowing out are provided, so as to thoroughly remove the mud and sediment
155.7 from all parts when under pressure.

155.8 Subd. 2. **Qualifying boiler.** (a) "Qualifying boiler" means a boiler of 200,000
155.9 pounds per hour or more capacity which has an internal continuous water treatment
155.10 program approved by the department and which the ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner
155.11 has determined to be in compliance with paragraph (c).

155.12 (b) A qualifying boiler must be inspected at least once every 24 months internally
155.13 and externally while not under pressure and at least once every 18 months externally
155.14 while under pressure. If the inspector considers it necessary to conduct a hydrostatic test
155.15 to determine the safety of a boiler, the test must be conducted under the direction of the
155.16 owner, contractor, or user of the equipment under the supervision of an inspector.

155.17 (c) The owner of a qualifying boiler must keep accurate records showing the date
155.18 and actual time the boiler is out of service, the reason or reasons therefor, and the chemical
155.19 physical laboratory analysis of samples of the boiler water taken at regular intervals of
155.20 not more than 48 hours of operation which adequately show the condition of the water,
155.21 and any elements or characteristics of the water capable of producing corrosion or other
155.22 deterioration of the boiler or its parts.

155.23 (d) If an inspector determines there are substantial deficiencies in equipment or in
155.24 boiler water treatment operating procedures, inspections of a qualifying boiler may be
155.25 required once every 12 months until the ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner finds that the
155.26 substantial deficiencies have been corrected.

155.27 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 20064, section 183.46, is amended to read:

155.28 **183.46 TESTS.**

155.29 In subjecting both high and low pressure boilers and pressure vessels to the
155.30 hydrostatic test, and to determine the safe allowable working pressure, the inspector shall
155.31 use the latest approved formula of the ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME
155.32 Code or National Board Inspection Code, as applicable.

155.33 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.465, is amended to read:

155.34 **183.465 STANDARDS OF INSPECTION.**

156.1 The engineering standards of boilers and pressure vessels for use in this state shall
156.2 be that established by the current edition of ~~the~~ and amendments to the ASME Code or the
156.3 National Board Inspection Code, as applicable, for construction, operation and care of,
156.4 in-service inspection and testing, and controls and safety devices ~~codes of the American~~
156.5 ~~Society of Mechanical Engineers and amendments thereto,~~ and by the rules of the Division
156.6 ~~of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the department of ~~Labor and Industry.~~

156.7 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.466, is amended to read:

156.8 **183.466 STANDARDS OF REPAIRS.**

156.9 The rules for repair of boilers and pressure vessels for use in this state shall be those
156.10 established by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors inspection
156.11 code and the rules ~~of the Division of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the department of
156.12 ~~Labor and Industry.~~

156.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.48, is amended to read:

156.14 **183.48 SPECIAL EXAMINATION.**

156.15 ~~At any time the inspector deems it necessary an examination shall be made of any~~
156.16 If an inspector examines a boiler or pressure vessel which there is reason to believe has
156.17 become and determines that the boiler or pressure vessel is unsafe, and the inspector shall
156.18 notify the owners or operators thereof owner or operator of any defect therein, and what
156.19 repairs are necessary in that boiler or pressure vessel. Such boiler or pressure vessel
156.20 shall not thereafter be used until ~~so repaired~~ the defect is corrected. Boilers found to be
156.21 operated by unlicensed or improperly licensed persons shall not be used until the operators
156.22 are properly licensed. If circumstances warrant continued operation, approval may be
156.23 given for continuing operation for a specific period of time, not to exceed 30 days, at the
156.24 discretion of the boiler inspector.

156.25 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.501, is amended to read:

156.26 **183.501 LICENSE REQUIREMENT.**

156.27 (a) No ~~person~~ individual shall be entrusted with the operation of or operate any
156.28 boiler, steam engine, or turbine who has not received a license of grade covering that
156.29 boiler, steam engine or turbine. The license shall be renewed annually, except as provided
156.30 in section 183.411. ~~When a violation of this section occurs the Division of Boiler~~
156.31 ~~Inspection may cause a complaint to be made for the prosecution of the offender and shall~~
156.32 ~~be entitled to sue for and obtain injunctive relief in the district courts for such violations.~~

157.1 (b) For purposes of this chapter, "operation" shall not include monitoring of an
 157.2 automatic boiler, either through on premises inspection of the boiler or by remote
 157.3 electronic surveillance, provided that no operations are performed upon the boiler other
 157.4 than emergency shut down in alarm situations.

157.5 (c) No individual under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol shall be entrusted
 157.6 with the operation of or shall operate any boiler, steam engine, or turbine, or shall be
 157.7 entrusted with the monitoring of or shall monitor an automatic boiler.

157.8 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.505, is amended to read:

157.9 **183.505 APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.**

157.10 The ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner shall prepare blank applications on which
 157.11 applications for ~~engineers'~~ licenses shall be made ~~under oath of the applicant~~. These
 157.12 blanks shall ~~be so formulated as to~~ elicit such information as is ~~desirable~~ needed to
 157.13 ~~enable the examiners to pass on~~ determine whether an applicant meets the qualifications
 157.14 ~~of applicants~~ required for the license.

157.15 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.51, is amended to read:

157.16 **183.51 EXAMINATIONS; CLASSIFICATIONS; QUALIFICATIONS.**

157.17 Subdivision 1. **Engineers, classes.** Engineers shall be divided into four classes:

157.18 (1) Chief engineers; Grade A, Grade B, and Grade C. (2) first class engineers; Grade
 157.19 A, Grade B, and Grade C. (3) second class engineers; Grade A, Grade B, and Grade
 157.20 C. (4) Special engineers.

157.21 Subd. 2. **Applications.** Any ~~person~~ individual who desires an engineer's license
 157.22 shall submit ~~a written~~ an application, ~~on blanks furnished by the commissioner or designee~~
 157.23 on a written or electronic form prescribed by the commissioner, at least 15 days before
 157.24 the requested exam date. The application ~~is valid for~~ permits the applicant to take the
 157.25 examination on one occasion within one year from the date the commissioner ~~or designee~~
 157.26 ~~received~~ receives the application.

157.27 Subd. 2a. **Examinations.** Each applicant for a license must pass an examination
 157.28 ~~approved~~ developed and administered by the commissioner. The examinations shall be
 157.29 of sufficient scope to establish the competency of the applicant to operate a boiler of the
 157.30 applicable license class and grade.

157.31 Subd. 3. **High and low pressure boilers.** For the purposes of this section and
 157.32 section 183.50, high pressure boilers shall mean boilers operating at a steam or other vapor
 157.33 pressure in excess of 15 p.s.i.g., or a water or other liquid boiler in which the pressure
 157.34 exceeds 160 p.s.i.g. or a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit.

158.1 Low pressure boilers shall mean boilers operating at a steam or other vapor pressure
158.2 of 15 p.s.i.g. or less, or a water or other liquid boiler in which the pressure does not exceed
158.3 160 p.s.i.g. or a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit.

158.4 Subd. 4. **Chief engineer, Grade A.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as
158.5 a chief engineer, Grade A, shall be at least 18 years of age and have experience which
158.6 verifies that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be responsible for the
158.7 safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers, steam engines, and turbines and
158.8 their appurtenances; and, before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and subscribe
158.9 an oath attesting to at least five years actual experience in operating such boilers, including
158.10 at least two years experience in operating such engines or turbines.

158.11 Subd. 5. **Chief engineer, Grade B.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as a
158.12 chief engineer, Grade B, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and experience
158.13 which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be
158.14 responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers and their
158.15 appurtenances; and, before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and subscribe an
158.16 oath attesting to at least five years actual experience in operating those boilers.

158.17 Subd. 6. **Chief engineer, Grade C.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as a
158.18 chief engineer, Grade C, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and experience
158.19 which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and
158.20 be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of low pressure
158.21 boilers and their appurtenances, and before receiving a license, the applicant shall take
158.22 and subscribe an oath attesting to at least five years of actual experience in operating
158.23 such boilers.

158.24 Subd. 7. **First-class engineer, Grade A.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure
158.25 as a first-class engineer, Grade A, shall be at least 18 years of age and have experience
158.26 which verifies that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be responsible
158.27 for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers, engines, and turbines and
158.28 their appurtenances of not more than 300 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a
158.29 plant of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and
158.30 subscribe an oath attesting to at least three years actual experience in operating such
158.31 boilers, including at least two years experience in operating such engines or turbines.

158.32 Subd. 8. **First-class engineer, Grade B.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure
158.33 as a first-class engineer, Grade B, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and
158.34 experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge
158.35 of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers of
158.36 not more than 300 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a plant of unlimited

159.1 horsepower. Before receiving a license the applicant shall take and subscribe an oath
159.2 attesting to at least three years actual experience in operating such boilers.

159.3 Subd. 9. **First-class engineer, Grade C.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure
159.4 as a first-class engineer, Grade C, shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and
159.5 experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge
159.6 of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of low pressure
159.7 boilers and their appurtenances of not more than 300 horsepower or to operate as a shift
159.8 engineer in a low pressure plant of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving a license, the
159.9 applicant shall take and subscribe an oath attesting to at least three years actual experience
159.10 in operating such boilers.

159.11 Subd. 10. **Second-class engineer, Grade A.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking
159.12 licensure as a second-class engineer, Grade A, shall be at least 18 years of age and have
159.13 experience which verifies that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and
159.14 be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers, engines,
159.15 and turbines and their appurtenances of not more than 100 horsepower or to operate
159.16 as a shift engineer in a plant of not more than 300 horsepower, or to assist the shift
159.17 engineer, under direct supervision, in a plant of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving
159.18 a license the applicant shall take and subscribe an oath attesting to at least one year of
159.19 actual experience in operating such boilers, including at least one year of experience in
159.20 operating such engines or turbines.

159.21 Subd. 11. **Second-class engineer, Grade B.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking
159.22 licensure as a second-class engineer, Grade B, shall be at least 18 years of age and have
159.23 habits and experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to
159.24 take charge of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of
159.25 boilers of not more than 100 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a plant of not
159.26 more than 300 horsepower or to assist the shift engineer, under direct supervision, in a plant
159.27 of unlimited horsepower. Before receiving a license the applicant shall take and subscribe
159.28 an oath attesting to at least one year of actual experience in operating such boilers.

159.29 Subd. 12. **Second-class engineer, Grade C.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking
159.30 licensure as a second-class engineer, Grade C, shall be at least 18 years of age and have
159.31 habits and experience which justify the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to
159.32 take charge of and be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of all classes
159.33 of low pressure boilers and their appurtenances of not more than 100 horsepower or to
159.34 operate as a shift engineer in a low pressure plant of not more than 300 horsepower, or
159.35 to assist the shift engineer, under direct supervision, in a low pressure plant of unlimited

160.1 horsepower. Before receiving a license, the applicant shall take and subscribe an oath
160.2 attesting to at least one year of actual experience in operating such boilers.

160.3 Subd. 13. **Special engineer.** ~~A person~~ An individual seeking licensure as a special
160.4 engineer shall be at least 18 years of age and have habits and experience which justify
160.5 the belief that the ~~person~~ individual is competent to take charge of and be responsible for
160.6 the safe operation and maintenance of all classes of boilers and their appurtenances of
160.7 not more than 30 horsepower or to operate as a shift engineer in a plant of not more than
160.8 100 horsepower, or to serve as an apprentice in any plant under the direct supervision of
160.9 the properly licensed engineer.

160.10 Subd. 14. **Current boiler operators.** Any ~~person~~ individual operating a boiler other
160.11 than a steam boiler on or before April 15, 1982 shall be qualified for application for the
160.12 applicable class license upon presentation of an affidavit furnished by an inspector and
160.13 sworn to by the ~~person's~~ individual's employer or a chief engineer. The applicant must
160.14 have at least the number of years of actual experience specified for the class of license
160.15 requested and pass the appropriate examination.

160.16 Subd. 15. **Rating horsepower.** For the purpose of rating boiler horsepower for
160.17 engineer license classifications only: ten square feet of heating surface shall be considered
160.18 equivalent to one boiler horsepower for conventional boilers and five square feet of
160.19 heating surface equivalent to one boiler horsepower for steam coil type generators.

160.20 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.54, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

160.21 Subdivision 1. **Safety Inspection certificate.** After examination and tests, ~~if a boiler~~
160.22 ~~inspector finds any boiler or pressure vessel safe and suitable for use, the inspector shall~~
160.23 ~~deliver to the chief boiler inspector a verified certificate in such form as prescribed by~~
160.24 ~~the chief boiler inspector containing a specification of the tests applied and the working~~
160.25 ~~pressure allowed. A copy of the certificate is delivered to the owner of the boiler or~~
160.26 ~~pressure vessel, who shall place and retain the same in a conspicuous place on or near~~
160.27 ~~the boiler or pressure vessel.~~ of the boiler or pressure vessel being inspected, the boiler
160.28 inspector shall document the condition of the boiler or pressure vessel as required by the
160.29 commissioner. The inspector shall issue an inspection certificate, as prescribed by the
160.30 commissioner, to the owner or operator for the inspected boilers and pressure vessels
160.31 found to be safe and suitable for use. The inspector shall immediately notify the owner or
160.32 operator of any deficiencies found on the boilers and pressure vessels during the inspection
160.33 on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

160.34 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.54, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

161.1 Subd. 3. **Failure to pay fee.** If the owner or lessee of any boiler or pressure vessel,
161.2 which boiler or pressure vessel has been duly inspected, refuses to pay the required fee
161.3 within 30 days from the date of the inspection invoice, the ~~chief boiler inspector, or~~
161.4 ~~deputy, department~~ may seal the boiler or pressure vessel until the fee is paid.

161.5 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.545, is amended by adding a subdivision
161.6 to read:

161.7 Subd. 11. **Late fee.** The commissioner may assess a late fee of up to \$100 for
161.8 each invoice issued under subdivision 1, 3, or 3a that is not paid in full by the due date
161.9 stated on the invoice.

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

161.11 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.56, is amended to read:

161.12 **183.56 EXCEPTIONS.**

161.13 The provisions of sections 183.38 to 183.62, shall not apply to:

161.14 (1) boilers in buildings occupied solely for residence purposes with accommodations
161.15 for not more than five families;

161.16 (2) railroad locomotives operated by railroad companies for transportation purposes;

161.17 (3) air tanks installed on the right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the
161.18 operation of trains;

161.19 (4) boilers and pressure vessels under the direct jurisdiction of the United States;

161.20 (5) unfired pressure vessels having an internal or external working pressure not
161.21 exceeding 15 p.s.i.g. with no limit on size;

161.22 (6) pressure vessels used for storage of compressed air not exceeding five cubic feet
161.23 in volume and equipped with an ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME code
161.24 stamped safety valve set at a maximum of 100 p.s.i.g.;

161.25 (7) pressure vessels having an inside diameter not exceeding six inches;

161.26 (8) every vessel that contains water under pressure, including those containing air
161.27 that serves only as a cushion, whose design pressure does not exceed 300 p.s.i.g. and
161.28 whose design temperature does not exceed 210 degrees Fahrenheit;

161.29 (9) boiler or pressure vessels located on farms used solely for agricultural or
161.30 horticultural purposes; for purposes of this section, boilers used for mint oil extraction
161.31 are considered used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, provided that the owner or
161.32 lessee complies with the inspection requirements contained in section 183.42;

161.33 (10) tanks or cylinders used for storage or transfer of liquefied petroleum gases;

- 162.1 (11) unfired pressure vessels in petroleum refineries;
- 162.2 (12) an air tank or pressure vessel which is an integral part of a passenger motor
162.3 bus, truck, or trailer;
- 162.4 (13) hot water heating and other hot liquid boilers not exceeding a heat input of
162.5 750,000 BTU per hour;
- 162.6 (14) hot water supply boilers (water heaters) not exceeding a heat input of 500,000
162.7 BTU per hour, a water temperature of 210 degrees Fahrenheit, a nominal water capacity of
162.8 120 gallons, or a pressure of 160 p.s.i.g.;
- 162.9 (15) a laundry and dry cleaning press not exceeding five cubic feet of steam volume;
- 162.10 (16) pressure vessels operated full of water or other liquid not materially more
162.11 hazardous than water, if the vessel's contents' temperature does not exceed 140 degrees
162.12 Fahrenheit or a pressure of 200 p.s.i.g.;
- 162.13 (17) steam powered turbines at paper-making facilities which are powered by steam
162.14 generated by municipal steam district facilities at a remote location; and
- 162.15 (18) manually fired boilers for model locomotive, boat, tractor, stationary engine,
162.16 or antique motor vehicles constructed or maintained only as a hobby for exhibition,
162.17 educational or historical purposes and not for commercial use, if the boilers have an
162.18 inside diameter of 12 inches or less, or a grate area of two square feet or less, and are
162.19 equipped with an ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME stamped safety valve
162.20 of adequate size, a water level indicator, and a pressure gauge.
- 162.21 An engineer's license is not required for hot water supply boilers.
- 162.22 An engineer's license is not required for boilers, steam cookers, steam kettles, steam
162.23 sterilizers or other steam generators not exceeding 100,000 BTU per hour input, 25
162.24 kilowatt, 2-1/2 horsepower ~~or~~ and a pressure of 15 p.s.i.g.
- 162.25 Electric boilers not exceeding a maximum working pressure of 50 p.s.i.g., maximum
162.26 of 30 kilowatt input or three horsepower rating shall be inspected as pressure vessels and
162.27 shall not require an engineer license to operate.

162.28 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

162.29 Subdivision 1. **Report required.** Any insurance company insuring boilers and
162.30 pressure vessels in this state shall file a report showing the most recent date of inspection,
162.31 the name of the ~~person~~ individual making the inspection, the condition of the boiler or
162.32 pressure vessel as disclosed by the inspection, whether the boiler was operated by a
162.33 properly licensed engineer, whether a policy of insurance has been issued by the company
162.34 with reference to the boiler or pressure vessel, and other information as directed by the
162.35 ~~chief boiler inspector~~ commissioner. Within 21 days after the inspection, the insurance

163.1 company shall file the report with the ~~chief boiler inspector or designee~~ commissioner.

163.2 The insurer shall provide a copy of the report to the person, ~~firm, or corporation~~ owning or
163.3 operating the inspected boiler or pressure vessel. Such report shall be made annually for
163.4 boilers and biennially for pressure vessels.

163.5 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

163.6 Subd. 2. **Exemption.** Every boiler or pressure vessel as to which any insurance
163.7 company authorized to do business in this state has issued a policy of insurance, after the
163.8 inspection thereof, is exempt from inspection by the department made under sections
163.9 183.375 to 183.62, while the same continues to be insured and provided it continues
163.10 to be inspected in accordance with the inspection schedule set forth in sections 183.42
163.11 and 183.45, and the person, ~~firm, or corporation~~ owning or operating the same has an
163.12 unexpired certificate of registration.

163.13 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

163.14 Subd. 5. **Notice of insurance coverage.** The insurer shall notify the commissioner
163.15 ~~or designee~~ in writing of its policy to insure and inspect boilers and pressure vessels at a
163.16 location within 30 days of receipt of notification from the insured that a boiler or pressure
163.17 vessel is present at an insured location. The insurer must also provide a duplicate of the
163.18 notification to the insured.

163.19 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.57, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

163.20 Subd. 6. **Notice of discontinued coverage.** The insurer shall notify the
163.21 commissioner ~~or designee~~ in writing, within 30 days of the effective date, of the
163.22 discontinuation of insurance coverage of the boilers and pressure vessels at a location
163.23 and the cause or reason for the discontinuation if the insurer has received notice from
163.24 the insured that a boiler or pressure vessel is present at an insured location, as provided
163.25 under subdivision 5. This notice shall show the effective date when the discontinued
163.26 policy takes effect.

163.27 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.59, is amended to read:

163.28 **183.59 VIOLATIONS BY INSPECTORS.**

163.29 Every inspector who willfully certifies falsely regarding any boiler or its attachments,
163.30 or pressure vessel, or the hull and equipments of any steam vessel, or who grants a license
163.31 to any ~~person~~ individual to act as engineer, ~~or master, or pilot~~ contrary to any provision of

164.1 sections 183.375 to 183.62, is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to this punishment the
 164.2 inspector shall be removed from office forthwith.

164.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.60, is amended to read:

164.4 **183.60 VIOLATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION; REPAIR; SALE.**

164.5 Subdivision 1. **Construction violation.** ~~Every~~ No person who constructs shall
 164.6 construct a boiler, boiler piping, or pressure vessel so as not to meet the minimum
 164.7 construction requirements of the ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~ ASME boiler
 164.8 and pressure vessel code, and the rules of the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the
 164.9 ~~department of Labor and Industry is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~

164.10 Subd. 2. **Repair violation.** ~~Every~~ No person who repairs a boiler or pressure vessel
 164.11 by welding or riveting so as not to meet the minimum requirements established by the
 164.12 current edition of the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors inspection
 164.13 code and the rules of the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~ adopted by the department of ~~Labor~~
 164.14 ~~and Industry is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~

164.15 Subd. 3. **Sale violation.** ~~Every~~ No manufacturer, jobber, dealer, or other person
 164.16 ~~selling or offering~~ shall sell or offer for sale a boiler or pressure vessel that does not meet
 164.17 the minimum construction requirements of the ~~American Society of Mechanical Engineers~~
 164.18 ASME boiler and pressure vessel code and the rules of the ~~Division of Boiler Inspection~~
 164.19 ~~adopted by the~~ department of ~~Labor and Industry is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.~~

164.20 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.61, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

164.21 Subd. 2. **Inspection violation.** ~~Any~~ No person who causes shall cause to be
 164.22 operated; or ~~operates~~ shall operate; any boiler or boat without having the same inspected
 164.23 at least once each year, or pressure vessel, steam farm traction engine, portable or
 164.24 stationary show engine, or portable or stationary show boiler without having it inspected
 164.25 biennially, ~~and or~~ without having the proper engineer or pilot master license ~~is guilty~~
 164.26 ~~of a misdemeanor.~~

164.27 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 183.61, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

164.28 Subd. 4. **Failure to repair.** ~~Every person operating or causing to be operated~~ After
 164.29 any boiler or pressure vessel ~~after it~~ has been examined and found to be unsafe and after the
 164.30 owner or operator ~~thereof~~ of the boiler or pressure vessel has been notified of any defect
 164.31 ~~therein and what repairs are necessary to remedy the defect who fails to comply with the~~
 164.32 ~~inspector's requirements is guilty of a misdemeanor~~ in it, no person shall operate the boiler
 164.33 or pressure vessel or cause it to be operated unless and until the defect has been corrected.

165.1 Sec. 25. **[326B.93] INSPECTION PERSONNEL.**

165.2 Subdivision 1. **Inspectors.** The department may employ such inspectors and other
165.3 persons as are necessary to efficiently perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed
165.4 upon the department.

165.5 Subd. 2. **Chief boiler inspector.** The commissioner shall appoint a chief boiler
165.6 inspector who, under the direction and supervision of the commissioner, shall administer
165.7 this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter. The chief boiler inspector must:

165.8 (1) be licensed as a chief Grade A engineer; and

165.9 (2) possess a current commission issued by the National Board of Boiler and
165.10 Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

165.11 The chief boiler inspector shall be the state of Minnesota representative on the National
165.12 Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, shall be the final interpretative authority
165.13 of the rules adopted under this chapter, and shall perform other duties in administering
165.14 this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter as assigned by the commissioner.
165.15 Any person aggrieved by a ruling of the chief boiler inspector may appeal the ruling
165.16 in accordance with chapter 14.

165.17 Sec. 26. **[326B.94] BOATS; MASTERS.**

165.18 Subdivision 1. **Boat.** "Boat" means any vessel navigating inland waters of the state
165.19 that is propelled by machinery or sails, is carrying passengers for hire, and is 21 feet
165.20 or more in length.

165.21 Subd. 2. **Number of passengers.** The department shall designate the number of
165.22 passengers that each boat may safely carry, and no such boat shall carry a greater number
165.23 than is allowed by the inspector's certificate.

165.24 Subd. 3. **Annual permit.** The commissioner shall issue an annual permit to a boat
165.25 for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of the state provided
165.26 the boat satisfies the inspection requirements of this section. A boat subject to inspection
165.27 under this chapter shall be registered with the department and shall be inspected before a
165.28 permit may be issued. No person shall operate a boat or cause a boat to be operated for the
165.29 purpose of carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of the state without a valid
165.30 annual permit issued under this section.

165.31 Subd. 4. **Examinations, licensing.** The commissioner shall develop and administer
165.32 an examination for all masters of boats carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of
165.33 the state as to their qualifications and fitness. If found qualified and competent to perform
165.34 their duties as a master of a boat carrying passengers for hire, they shall be issued a license
165.35 authorizing them to act as such on the inland waters of the state. The license shall be

166.1 renewed annually. Fees for the original issue and renewal of the license authorized under
 166.2 this section shall be pursuant to section 183.545, subdivision 2.

166.3 Subd. 5. **Rules.** (a) The department shall prescribe rules for the inspection of the
 166.4 hulls, machinery, boilers, steam connections, firefighting apparatus, lifesaving appliances,
 166.5 and lifesaving equipment of all power boats navigating the inland waters of the state,
 166.6 which shall conform to the requirements and specifications of the United States Coast
 166.7 Guard in similar cases as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 46, as applicable
 166.8 inland waters; these rules shall have the force of law.

166.9 (b) The commissioner shall make such rules for inspection and operation of boats
 166.10 subject to inspection under this chapter, the licensing of masters, and the navigation of any
 166.11 such boat as will require its operation without danger to life or property.

166.12 Subd. 6. **Drugs, alcohol.** No master shall be under the influence of illegal drugs
 166.13 or alcohol when on duty.

166.14 Sec. 27. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

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

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
166.18 <u>183.38</u>	<u>326B.952</u>
166.19 <u>183.39</u>	<u>326B.954</u>
166.20 <u>183.411</u>	<u>326B.956</u>
166.21 <u>183.42</u>	<u>326B.958</u>
166.22 <u>183.45</u>	<u>326B.96</u>
166.23 <u>183.46</u>	<u>326B.962</u>
166.24 <u>183.465</u>	<u>326B.964</u>
166.25 <u>183.466</u>	<u>326B.966</u>
166.26 <u>183.48</u>	<u>326B.968</u>
166.27 <u>183.50</u>	<u>326B.97</u>
166.28 <u>183.501</u>	<u>326B.972</u>
166.29 <u>183.502</u>	<u>326B.974</u>
166.30 <u>183.505</u>	<u>326B.976</u>
166.31 <u>183.51</u>	<u>326B.978</u>
166.32 <u>183.53</u>	<u>326B.98</u>
166.33 <u>183.54</u>	<u>326B.982</u>
166.34 <u>183.545</u>	<u>326B.986</u>
166.35 <u>183.56</u>	<u>326B.988</u>
166.36 <u>183.57</u>	<u>326B.99</u>
166.37 <u>183.59</u>	<u>326B.992</u>
166.38 <u>183.60</u>	<u>326B.994</u>

167.1 183.61 326B.996
 167.2 183.62 326B.998

167.3 **ARTICLE 10**
 167.4 **HIGH PRESSURE PIPING**

167.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.46, is amended to read:

167.6 **326.46 SUPERVISION OF DEPARTMENT TO SUPERVISE HIGH**
 167.7 **PRESSURE PIPING.**

167.8 The department of Labor and Industry shall supervise all high pressure piping used
 167.9 on all projects in this state, ~~and may prescribe minimum standards which shall be uniform.~~

167.10 The department shall employ inspectors and other assistants to carry out the
 167.11 provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52.

167.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 167.13 to read:

167.14 Subd. 1a. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems.

167.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 167.16 to read:

167.17 Subd. 1b. **Contracting high pressure pipefitter.** "Contracting high pressure
 167.18 pipefitter" means an individual, such as a steamfitter, engaged in the planning,
 167.19 superintending, and practical installation of high pressure piping and appurtenances, and
 167.20 otherwise lawfully qualified to construct high pressure piping installations and make
 167.21 replacements to existing plants, who is also qualified to conduct the business of high
 167.22 pressure piping installations and who is familiar with the laws, rules, and minimum
 167.23 standards governing them.

167.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 167.25 to read:

167.26 Subd. 2a. **High pressure steam.** "High pressure steam" means a pressure in excess
 167.27 of 15 pounds per square inch.

167.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
 167.29 to read:

168.1 **Subd. 2b. Journeyman high pressure pipefitter.** "Journeyman high pressure
168.2 pipefitter" means an individual, such as a steamfitter, who is not a contracting high
168.3 pressure pipefitter and who is engaged in the practical installation of high pressure piping
168.4 and appurtenances in the employ of a contracting high pressure pipefitter.

168.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.461, is amended by adding a subdivision
168.6 to read:

168.7 **Subd. 4. Pipefitter apprentice.** A "pipefitter apprentice" is an individual employed
168.8 in the trade of the practical construction and installation of high pressure piping and
168.9 appurtenances under an apprenticeship agreement approved by the department under
168.10 Minnesota Rules, part 5200.0300.

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

168.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.47, is amended to read:

168.13 **326.47 APPLICATION, PERMIT, FILING, AND INSPECTION FEES.**

168.14 Subdivision 1. **Required permit.** ~~No person, firm, or corporation shall construct or~~
168.15 ~~install high pressure piping systems without first filing an application for a permit with the~~
168.16 ~~department of Labor and Industry or a municipality that has complied with subdivision 2.~~
168.17 ~~Projects under construction prior to August 1, 1984, are not required to obtain a permit.~~

168.18 Subd. 2. **Permissive municipal regulation.** ~~A municipality may, by ordinance,~~
168.19 ~~provide for the inspection of high pressure piping system materials and construction, and~~
168.20 ~~provide that it shall not be constructed or installed except in accordance with minimum~~
168.21 ~~state standards. The authority designated by the ordinance for issuing high pressure piping~~
168.22 ~~permits and assuring compliance with state standards must report to the Department of~~
168.23 ~~Labor and Industry all violations of state high pressure piping standards.~~

168.24 ~~A municipality may not adopt an ordinance with high pressure piping standards~~
168.25 ~~that does not conform to the uniform standards prescribed by the Department of Labor~~
168.26 ~~and Industry. The Department of Labor and Industry shall specify by rule the minimum~~
168.27 ~~qualifications for municipal inspectors. The commissioner may enter into an agreement~~
168.28 with a municipality, in which the municipality agrees to perform inspections and issue
168.29 permits for the construction and installation of high pressure piping systems within the
168.30 municipality's geographical area of jurisdiction, if:

168.31 (a) The municipality has adopted:

168.32 (1) the code for power piping systems, Minnesota Rules, parts 5230.0250 to
168.33 5230.6200;

169.1 (2) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to issue permits to persons holding
169.2 a high pressure piping business license issued by the department and only for construction
169.3 or installation that would, if performed properly, fully comply with all Minnesota Statutes
169.4 and Minnesota Rules;

169.5 (3) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to perform the inspections that are
169.6 required under Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules of the construction and installation
169.7 of high pressure piping systems; and

169.8 (4) an ordinance that authorizes the municipality to enforce the code for power
169.9 piping systems in its entirety.

169.10 (b) The municipality agrees to issue permits only to persons holding a high pressure
169.11 piping business license as required by law at the time of the permit issuance, and only for
169.12 construction or installation that would, if performed properly, comply with all Minnesota
169.13 Statutes and Minnesota Rules governing the construction or installation of high pressure
169.14 piping systems.

169.15 (c) The municipality agrees to issue permits only on forms approved by the
169.16 department.

169.17 (d) The municipality agrees that, for each permit issued by the municipality, the
169.18 municipality shall perform one or more inspections of the construction or installation to
169.19 determine whether the construction or installation complies with all Minnesota Statutes
169.20 and Minnesota Rules governing the construction or installation of high pressure piping
169.21 systems, and shall prepare a written report of each inspection.

169.22 (e) The municipality agrees to notify the commissioner within 24 hours after the
169.23 municipality discovers any violation of the licensing laws related to high pressure piping.

169.24 (f) The municipality agrees to notify the commissioner immediately if the
169.25 municipality discovers that any entity has failed to meet a deadline set by the municipality
169.26 for correction of a violation of the high pressure piping laws.

169.27 (g) The commissioner determines that the individuals who will conduct the
169.28 inspections for the municipality do not have any conflict of interest in conducting the
169.29 inspections.

169.30 (h) Individuals who will conduct the inspections for the municipality are permanent
169.31 employees of the municipality and are licensed contracting high pressure pipefitters or
169.32 licensed journeyman high pressure pipefitters.

169.33 (i) The municipality agrees to notify the commissioner within ten days of any
169.34 changes in the names or qualifications of the individuals who conduct the inspections
169.35 for the municipality.

170.1 (j) The municipality agrees to enforce in its entirety the code for power piping
170.2 systems on all projects.

170.3 (k) The municipality shall not approve any piping installation unless the installation
170.4 conforms to all applicable provisions of the high pressure piping laws in effect at the
170.5 time of the installation.

170.6 (l) The municipality agrees to promptly require compliance or revoke a permit that
170.7 it has issued if there is noncompliance with any of the applicable provisions of the high
170.8 pressure piping laws in connection with the work covered by the permit. The municipality
170.9 agrees to revoke the permit if any laws regulating the licensing of pipefitters have been
170.10 violated.

170.11 (m) The municipality agrees to keep official records of all documents received,
170.12 including permit applications, and of all permits issued, reports of inspections, and notices
170.13 issued in connection with inspections.

170.14 (n) The municipality agrees to maintain the records described in paragraph (m) in
170.15 the official records of the municipality for the period required for the retention of public
170.16 records under section 138.17, and shall make these records readily available for review
170.17 according to section 13.37.

170.18 (o) Not later than the tenth day of each month, the municipality shall submit to the
170.19 commissioner a report of all high pressure piping permits issued by the municipality during
170.20 the preceding month. This report shall be in a format approved by the commissioner
170.21 and shall include:

170.22 (1) the name of the contractor;

170.23 (2) the license number of the contractor's license issued by the commissioner;

170.24 (3) the permit number;

170.25 (4) the address of the job;

170.26 (5) the date the permit was issued;

170.27 (6) a brief description of the work; and

170.28 (7) the amount of the inspection fee.

170.29 (p) Not later than the 31st day of January of each year, the municipality shall submit
170.30 a summary report to the commissioner identifying the status of each high pressure piping
170.31 project for which the municipality issued a permit during the preceding year, and the
170.32 status of high pressure piping projects for which the municipality issued a permit during a
170.33 prior year where no final inspection had occurred by the first day of the preceding year.

170.34 This summary report shall include:

170.35 (1) the permit number;

170.36 (2) the date of any final inspection; and

171.1 (3) identification of any violation of high pressure piping laws related to work
 171.2 covered by the permit.

171.3 (q) The municipality and the commissioner agree that if at any time during the
 171.4 agreement the municipality does not have in effect the code for high pressure piping
 171.5 systems or any of the ordinances described in paragraph (a), or if the commissioner
 171.6 determines that the municipality is not properly administering and enforcing the code for
 171.7 high pressure piping or is otherwise not complying with the agreement:

171.8 (1) the commissioner may, effective 14 days after the municipality's receipt of
 171.9 written notice, terminate the agreement and have the administration and enforcement of
 171.10 the high pressure piping code in the involved municipality undertaken by the department;

171.11 (2) the municipality may challenge the termination in a contested case before the
 171.12 commissioner pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; and

171.13 (3) while any challenge under clause (2) is pending, the commissioner may exercise
 171.14 oversight of the municipality to the extent needed to ensure that high pressure piping
 171.15 inspections are performed and permits are issued in accordance with the high pressure
 171.16 piping laws.

171.17 (r) The municipality and the commissioner agree that the municipality may terminate
 171.18 the agreement with or without cause on 90 days' written notice to the commissioner.

171.19 (s) The municipality and the commissioner agree that no municipality shall
 171.20 revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any high pressure piping license issued by the
 171.21 commissioner. If the municipality identifies during an inspection any violation that
 171.22 may warrant revocation, suspension, or placement of restrictions on a high pressure
 171.23 piping license issued by the commissioner, the municipality shall promptly notify the
 171.24 commissioner of the violation and the commissioner shall determine whether revocation,
 171.25 suspension, or placement of restrictions on any high pressure piping license issued by
 171.26 the commissioner is appropriate.

171.27 ~~Subd. 5. **Reporting of permits issued.** Each municipality must submit to the~~
 171.28 ~~Department of Labor and Industry a copy of each permit issued within ten days after~~
 171.29 ~~issuance.~~

171.30 ~~All permits must be issued on forms prescribed by or approved by the Department of~~
 171.31 ~~Labor and Industry.~~

171.32 ~~Subd. 6. **Filing and inspection fees.** (a) The department of Labor and Industry must~~
 171.33 ~~charge a filing fee set by the commissioner under section 16A.1285 and an inspection fee~~
 171.34 ~~for all applications for permits to construct or install high pressure piping systems. The~~
 171.35 ~~filing fee for inspection of high pressure piping system construction or installation shall~~

172.1 be ~~set by the commissioner under section 16A.1285~~ \$100. ~~This subdivision does~~ The
172.2 inspection fee shall be calculated as follows.

172.3 (1) When an application for a permit is filed prior to the start of construction or
172.4 installation, the inspection fee shall be \$150 plus 0.022 of the first \$1,000,000, plus
172.5 0.011 of the next \$2,000,000, plus 0.00055 of the amount over \$3,000,000 of the cost of
172.6 construction or installation.

172.7 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (b), when an application for permit is filed after
172.8 the start of construction or installation, the inspection fee shall be the greater of: \$1,100;
172.9 or \$150 plus 0.033 of the first \$1,000,000, plus 0.0165 of the next \$2,000,000, plus 0.011
172.10 of the amount over \$3,000,000 of the cost of construction or installation.

172.11 (b) The commissioner shall consider any extenuating circumstances that caused an
172.12 application for permit to be filed after the start of construction or installation. If warranted
172.13 by such extenuating circumstances, the commissioner may calculate the inspection fee as
172.14 if the application for permit had been filed prior to the start of construction or installation.

172.15 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply where a permit is issued by a municipality
172.16 complying in accordance with an agreement under subdivision 2.

172.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
172.18 subdivision 6 is effective July 1, 2007.

172.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.48, is amended to read:

172.20 **326.48 LICENSING AND REGISTRATION.**

172.21 Subdivision 1. **License required; rules; time credit.** No ~~person~~ individual shall
172.22 engage in or work at the business of a contracting high pressure pipefitter unless issued an
172.23 individual contracting high pressure pipefitter license to do so by the department ~~of Labor~~
172.24 ~~and Industry~~ under rules adopted by the board. No license shall be required for repairs
172.25 on existing installations. No ~~person~~ individual shall engage in or work at the business of
172.26 journeyman pipefitter unless issued an individual journeyman high pressure pipefitter
172.27 competency license to do so by the department ~~of Labor and Industry~~ under rules adopted
172.28 by the board. A person possessing an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter
172.29 competency license may also work as a journeyman high pressure pipefitter.

172.30 No person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ shall construct or install high pressure
172.31 piping, nor install high pressure piping in connection with the dealing in and selling
172.32 of high pressure pipe material and supplies, unless, at all times, ~~a person~~ an individual
172.33 possessing a contracting high pressure pipefitter individual competency license or a
172.34 journeyman high pressure pipefitter individual competency license is responsible for

173.1 ~~ensuring that the high pressure pipefitting work conducted by the person, partnership, firm,~~
173.2 ~~or corporation being~~ is in conformity with Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules.

173.3 The ~~department of Labor and Industry~~ board shall prescribe rules, not inconsistent
173.4 herewith, for the examination and individual competency licensing of contracting high
173.5 pressure pipefitters and journeyman high pressure pipefitters and for issuance of permits
173.6 by the department and municipalities for the installation of high pressure piping.

173.7 An employee performing the duties of inspector for the department ~~of Labor and~~
173.8 ~~Industry~~ in regulating pipefitting shall not receive time credit for the inspection duties
173.9 when making an application for a license required by this section.

173.10 Subd. 2. **High pressure pipefitting business license.** Before obtaining a permit
173.11 for high pressure piping work, a person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ must obtain or
173.12 utilize a business with a high pressure piping business license.

173.13 A person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ must have at all times as a full-time
173.14 employee at least one individual holding an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter
173.15 competency license. Only full-time employees who hold individual contracting high
173.16 pressure pipefitter licenses are authorized to obtain high pressure piping permits in the
173.17 name of the business. The individual contracting high pressure pipefitter competency
173.18 license holder can be the employee of only one high pressure piping business at a time.

173.19 To retain its business license without reapplication, a person, ~~partnership, firm,~~
173.20 ~~or corporation~~ holding a high pressure piping business license that ceases to employ a
173.21 ~~person~~ an individual holding an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter competency
173.22 license shall have 60 days from the last day of employment of its previous individual
173.23 contracting pipefitter competency license holder to employ another license holder. The
173.24 department ~~of Labor and Industry~~ must be notified no later than five days after the last day
173.25 of employment of the previous license holder.

173.26 No high pressure pipefitting work may be performed during any period when the
173.27 high pressure pipefitting business does not have an individual contracting high pressure
173.28 pipefitter competency license holder on staff. If a license holder is not employed within
173.29 60 days after the last day of employment of the previous license holder, the pipefitting
173.30 business license shall lapse.

173.31 The ~~department of Labor and Industry~~ board shall prescribe by rule procedures for
173.32 application for and issuance of business licenses ~~and fees~~.

173.33 Subd. 2a. **Registration requirement.** All unlicensed individuals, other than
173.34 pipefitter apprentices, must be registered under subdivision 2b. No licensed high pressure
173.35 piping business shall employ an unlicensed individual to assist in the practical construction
173.36 and installation of high pressure piping and appurtenances unless the unlicensed individual

174.1 is registered with the department. A pipefitter apprentice or registered unlicensed
174.2 individual employed by a high pressure piping business may assist in the practical
174.3 construction and installation of high pressure piping and appurtenances only while under
174.4 direct supervision of a licensed individual contracting high pressure pipefitter or licensed
174.5 journeyman high pressure pipefitter employed by the same high pressure piping business.
174.6 The licensed individual contracting high pressure pipefitter or licensed journeyman high
174.7 pressure pipefitter shall supervise no more than two pipefitter apprentices or registered
174.8 unlicensed individuals. The licensed individual contracting high pressure pipefitter or
174.9 journeyman high pressure pipefitter is responsible for ensuring that all high pressure
174.10 piping work performed by the pipefitter apprentice or registered unlicensed individual
174.11 complies with Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules.

174.12 Subd. 2b. **Registration with commissioner.** An unlicensed individual may
174.13 register to assist in the practical construction and installation of high pressure piping
174.14 and appurtenances while in the employ of a licensed high pressure piping business by
174.15 completing and submitting to the commissioner a registration form provided by the
174.16 commissioner. The Board of High Pressure Piping Systems may prescribe rules, not
174.17 inconsistent with this section, for the registration of unlicensed individuals.

174.18 An unlicensed individual applying for initial registration shall pay the department an
174.19 application fee of \$50. Applications for initial registration may be submitted at any time.
174.20 Registration must be renewed annually and shall be valid for one calendar year beginning
174.21 January 1. Applications for renewal registration must be submitted to the commissioner
174.22 before December 31 of each registration period on forms provided by the commissioner,
174.23 and must be accompanied by a fee of \$50. There shall be no refund of fees paid.

174.24 Subd. 3. **Bond.** ~~The~~ As a condition of licensing, each applicant for a high pressure
174.25 piping business license or renewal shall give bond to the state in the total ~~penal~~ sum of
174.26 \$15,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all work ~~entered upon~~
174.27 ~~contracted for or performed~~ within the state. The bond shall run to and be for the benefit of
174.28 persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure of payment or performance.
174.29 Claims and actions on the bond may be brought according to sections 574.26 to 574.38.

174.30 The term of the bond must be concurrent with the term of the high pressure
174.31 pipefitting business license and run without interruption from the date of the issuance of
174.32 the license to the end of the calendar year. All high pressure pipefitting business licenses
174.33 must be annually renewed on a calendar year basis.

174.34 The bond must be filed with the department of ~~Labor and Industry~~ and shall be
174.35 in lieu of any other business license bonds required by any political subdivision for

175.1 high pressure pipefitting. The bond must be written by a corporate surety licensed to
 175.2 do business in the state.

175.3 Subd. 4. **Insurance.** In addition to the bond described in subdivision 3, each
 175.4 applicant for a high pressure pipefitting business license or renewal shall have in force
 175.5 public liability insurance, including products liability insurance, with limits of at least
 175.6 \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per occurrence and property damage insurance with
 175.7 limits of at least \$50,000.

175.8 The insurance must be kept in force for the entire term of the high pressure
 175.9 pipefitting business license, and the license shall be suspended by the department if at any
 175.10 time the insurance is not in force.

175.11 The insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state and
 175.12 shall be in lieu of any other insurance required by any subdivision of government for
 175.13 high pressure pipefitting. Each person, ~~partnership, firm, or corporation~~ holding a high
 175.14 pressure pipefitting business license shall maintain on file with the department a certificate
 175.15 evidencing the insurance. Any purported cancellation of insurance shall not be effective
 175.16 without the insurer first giving 30 days' written notice to the department.

175.17 Subd. 5. **License fee.** ~~The state department of Labor and Industry may~~ shall charge
 175.18 ~~each applicant for a high pressure pipefitting business license or for a renewal of a high~~
 175.19 ~~pressure pipefitting business license and an additional fee commensurate with the cost of~~
 175.20 ~~administering the bond and insurance requirements of subdivisions 3 and 4.~~ the following
 175.21 license fees:

175.22 (a) application for journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license,
 175.23 \$120;

175.24 (b) renewal of journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license, \$80;

175.25 (c) application for contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency license,
 175.26 \$270;

175.27 (d) renewal of contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency license, \$240;

175.28 (e) application for high pressure piping business license, \$450;

175.29 (f) application to inactivate a contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency
 175.30 license or inactivate a journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license,
 175.31 \$40; and

175.32 (g) renewal of an inactive contracting high pressure piping pipefitter competency
 175.33 license or inactive journeyman high pressure piping pipefitter competency license, \$40.

175.34 If an application for renewal of an active or inactive journeyman high pressure
 175.35 piping pipefitter competency license or active or inactive contracting high pressure piping

176.1 competency license is received by the department after the date of expiration of the
176.2 license, a \$30 late renewal fee shall be added to the license renewal fee.

176.3 Payment must accompany the application for a license or renewal of a license. There
176.4 shall be no refund of fees paid.

176.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective December 1, 2007, except that
176.6 subdivisions 2a, 2b, and 5 are effective July 1, 2007.

176.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.50, is amended to read:

176.8 **326.50 LICENSE APPLICATION; FEES AND RENEWAL.**

176.9 Application for an individual contracting high pressure pipefitter competency or an
176.10 individual journeyman high pressure pipefitter competency license shall be made to the
176.11 department of Labor and Industry, with fees. The applicant shall be licensed only after
176.12 passing an examination developed and administered by the department of Labor and
176.13 Industry in accordance with rules adopted by the board. A competency license issued by
176.14 the department shall expire on December 31 of each year. A renewal application must be
176.15 received by the department within one year after expiration of the competency license. A
176.16 license that has been expired for more than one year cannot be renewed, and can only be
176.17 reissued if the applicant submits a new application for the competency license, pays a new
176.18 application fee, and retakes and passes the applicable license examination.

176.19 Sec. 10. **[326.505] BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS.**

176.20 Subdivision 1. **Composition.** (a) The Board of High Pressure Piping Systems
176.21 shall consist of 14 members. Eleven members shall be appointed by the governor with
176.22 the advice and consent of the senate and shall be voting members. Appointments of
176.23 members by the governor shall be made in accordance with section 15.066. If the senate
176.24 votes to refuse to consent to an appointment of a member made by the governor, the
176.25 governor shall appoint a new member with the advice and consent of the senate. One
176.26 member shall be the commissioner of labor and industry or the commissioner of labor and
176.27 industry's designee, who shall be a voting member. Of the 13 appointed members, the
176.28 composition shall be as follows:

176.29 (1) one member shall be a high pressure piping inspector;

176.30 (2) one member shall be a licensed mechanical engineer;

176.31 (3) one member shall be a representative of the high pressure piping industry;

176.32 (4) four members shall be high pressure piping contractors engaged in the scope of
176.33 high pressure piping, two from the metropolitan area and two from greater Minnesota;

177.1 (5) two members shall be high pressure piping journeymen engaged in the scope
177.2 of high pressure piping systems installation, one from the metropolitan area and one
177.3 from greater Minnesota;

177.4 (6) one member shall be a representative of industrial companies that use high
177.5 pressure piping systems in their industrial process;

177.6 (7) one member shall be a representative from utility companies in Minnesota; and

177.7 (8) two members shall be public members as defined by section 214.02.

177.8 The high pressure piping inspector shall be appointed for a term to end December
177.9 31, 2011. The professional mechanical engineer shall be appointed for a term to end
177.10 December 31, 2010. The representative of the high pressure piping industry shall be
177.11 appointed for a term to end December 31, 2011. Two of the high pressure piping
177.12 contractors shall be appointed for a term to end December 31, 2011. The other two high
177.13 pressure piping contractors shall be appointed for a term to end December 31, 2010. One
177.14 of the high pressure piping journeymen shall be appointed for a term to end December 31,
177.15 2011. The other high pressure piping journeyman shall be appointed for a term to end
177.16 December 31, 2010. The one representative of industrial companies that use high pressure
177.17 piping systems in their industrial process shall be appointed for a term to end December
177.18 31, 2010. The one representative of a utility company in Minnesota shall be appointed for
177.19 a term to end December 31, 2010.

177.20 (b) The licensed professional mechanical engineer must possess a current Minnesota
177.21 professional engineering license and maintain the license for the duration of their term.
177.22 All other appointed members, except for the representative of the piping industry, the
177.23 representative of industrial companies that use high pressure piping systems, and the
177.24 representative of public utility companies in Minnesota, must possess a current high
177.25 pressure piping license issued by the Department of Labor and Industry and maintain
177.26 that license for the duration of their term. All appointed members must be residents of
177.27 Minnesota at the time of and throughout the member's appointment. The term of any
177.28 appointed member that does not maintain membership qualification status shall end on the
177.29 date of status change and the governor shall appoint a new member. It is the responsibility
177.30 of the member to notify the board of the member's status change.

177.31 (c) For appointed members, except the initial terms designated in paragraph (a), each
177.32 term shall be three years with the terms ending on December 31. Members appointed by
177.33 the governor shall be limited to three consecutive terms. The governor shall, all or in part,
177.34 reappoint the current members or appoint replacement members with the advice and
177.35 consent of the senate. Midterm vacancies shall be filled for the remaining portion of the
177.36 term. Vacancies occurring with less than six months time remaining in the term shall be

178.1 filled for the existing term and the following three-year term. Members may serve until
178.2 their successors are appointed but in no case later than July 1 in a year in which the term
178.3 expires unless reappointed.

178.4 Subd. 2. **Powers; duties; administrative support.** (a) The board shall have the
178.5 power to:

178.6 (1) elect its chair, vice-chair, and secretary;

178.7 (2) adopt bylaws that specify the duties of its officers, the meeting dates of the board,
178.8 and containing such other provisions as may be useful and necessary for the efficient
178.9 conduct of the business of the board;

178.10 (3) adopt the high pressure piping code that must be followed in this state and any
178.11 high pressure piping code amendments thereto. The board shall adopt the high pressure
178.12 piping code and any amendments thereto pursuant to chapter 14, and as provided in
178.13 subdivision 6, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d);

178.14 (4) review requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations as provided
178.15 in section 16B.63, subdivision 5;

178.16 (5) except for rules regulating continuing education, adopt rules that regulate the
178.17 licensure or registration of high pressure piping contractors, journeymen, and other
178.18 persons engaged in the design, installation, and alteration of high pressure piping systems,
178.19 except for those individuals licensed under section 326.02, subdivisions 2 and 3. The
178.20 board shall adopt these rules pursuant to chapter 14 and as provided in subdivision
178.21 6, paragraphs (e) and (f);

178.22 (6) advise the commissioner regarding educational requirements for high pressure
178.23 piping inspectors;

178.24 (7) refer complaints or other communications to the commissioner, whether oral or
178.25 written, as provided in subdivision 7 that alleges or implies a violation of a statute, rule, or
178.26 order that the commissioner has the authority to enforce pertaining to code compliance,
178.27 licensure, or an offering to perform or performance of unlicensed high pressure piping
178.28 services;

178.29 (8) approve per diem and expenses deemed necessary for its members as provided in
178.30 subdivision 3;

178.31 (9) select from its members individuals to serve on any other state advisory council,
178.32 board, or committee;

178.33 (10) recommend the fees for licenses and certifications; and

178.34 (11) approve license reciprocity agreements.

179.1 Except for the powers granted to the Plumbing Board, Board of Electricity, and the
179.2 Board of High Pressure Piping, the commissioner of labor and industry shall administer
179.3 and enforce the provisions of this chapter and any rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

179.4 (b) The board shall comply with section 15.0597, subdivisions 2 and 4.

179.5 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate the board's rulemaking and recommendations
179.6 with the recommendations and rulemaking conducted by the other boards created pursuant
179.7 to chapter 326B. The commissioner shall provide staff support to the board. The support
179.8 includes professional, legal, technical, and clerical staff necessary to perform rulemaking
179.9 and other duties assigned to the board. The commissioner of labor and industry shall
179.10 supply necessary office space and supplies to assist the board in its duties.

179.11 Subd. 3. **Compensation.** (a) Members of the board may be compensated at the rate
179.12 of \$55 a day spent on board activities, when authorized by the board, plus expenses in
179.13 the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under
179.14 section 43A.18, subdivision 2. Members who, as a result of time spent attending board
179.15 meetings, incur child care expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred, may be
179.16 reimbursed for those expenses upon board authorization.

179.17 (b) Members who are state employees or employees of the political subdivisions
179.18 of the state must not receive the daily payment for activities that occur during working
179.19 hours for which they are compensated by the state or political subdivision. However, a
179.20 state or political subdivision employee may receive the daily payment if the employee
179.21 uses vacation time or compensatory time accumulated in accordance with a collective
179.22 bargaining agreement or compensation plan for board activities. Members who are state
179.23 employees or employees of the political subdivisions of the state may receive the expenses
179.24 provided for in this subdivision unless the expenses are reimbursed by another source.
179.25 Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions of the state
179.26 may be reimbursed for child care expenses only for time spent on board activities that
179.27 are outside their working hours.

179.28 (c) The board shall adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent
179.29 on board activities for purposes of making daily payments under this subdivision.

179.30 Subd. 4. **Removal; vacancies.** (a) An appointed member of the board may be
179.31 removed by the governor at any time (1) for cause, after notice and hearing, or (2) after
179.32 missing three consecutive meetings. The chair of the board shall inform the governor of an
179.33 appointed member missing the three consecutive meetings. After the second consecutive
179.34 missed meeting and before the next meeting, the secretary of the board shall notify the
179.35 appointed member in writing that the member may be removed for missing the next
179.36 meeting. In the case of a vacancy on the board, the governor shall, with the advice

180.1 and consent of the senate, appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the
180.2 unexpired term.

180.3 (b) Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to section 15.0597, subdivisions 5 and 6.

180.4 Subd. 5. **Membership vacancies within three months of appointment.**

180.5 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when a membership on the board becomes
180.6 vacant within three months after being filled through the appointments process, the
180.7 governor may, upon notification to the Office of Secretary of State, choose a new member
180.8 from the applications on hand and need not repeat the process.

180.9 Subd. 6. **Officers, quorum, voting.** (a) The board shall elect annually from its
180.10 members a chair, vice-chair, and secretary. A quorum of the board shall consist of a
180.11 majority of members of the board qualified to vote on the matter in question. All questions
180.12 concerning the manner in which a meeting is conducted or called that is not covered
180.13 by statute shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order (revised) unless otherwise
180.14 specified by the bylaws.

180.15 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), each high pressure piping code amendment
180.16 considered by the board that receives an affirmative two-thirds or more majority vote of
180.17 all the voting members of the board shall be included in the next high pressure piping code
180.18 rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board. If a high pressure piping code amendment
180.19 considered, or reconsidered, by the board receives less than a two-thirds majority vote
180.20 of all the voting members of the board, the high pressure piping code amendment shall
180.21 not be included in the next high pressure piping code rulemaking proceeding initiated
180.22 by the board.

180.23 (c) If the high pressure piping code amendment considered by the board is to replace
180.24 the Minnesota High Pressure Piping Code with a model high pressure piping code, then
180.25 the amendment may only be included in the next high pressure piping code rulemaking
180.26 proceeding if it receives an affirmative two-thirds or more majority vote of all the voting
180.27 members of the board.

180.28 (d) The board may reconsider high pressure piping code amendments during
180.29 an active high pressure piping code rulemaking proceeding in which the amendment
180.30 previously failed to receive a two-thirds majority vote or more of all the voting members
180.31 of the board only if new or updated information that affects the high pressure piping code
180.32 amendment is presented to the board. The board may also reconsider failed high pressure
180.33 piping code amendments in subsequent high pressure piping code rulemaking proceedings.

180.34 (e) Each proposed rule and rule amendment considered by the board pursuant to the
180.35 rulemaking authority specified in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (5), that receives an
180.36 affirmative majority vote of all the voting members of the board shall be included in the

181.1 next rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board. If a proposed rule or rule amendment
181.2 considered, or reconsidered, by the board receives less than an affirmative majority vote of
181.3 all the voting members of the board, the proposed rule or rule amendment shall not be
181.4 included in the next rulemaking proceeding initiated by the board.

181.5 (f) The board may reconsider the proposed rule or rule amendment during an
181.6 active rulemaking proceeding in which the amendment previously failed to receive an
181.7 affirmative majority vote of all the voting members of the board only if new or updated
181.8 information that affects the proposed rule or rule amendment is presented to the board.
181.9 The board may also reconsider failed proposed rules or rule amendments in subsequent
181.10 rulemaking proceedings.

181.11 Subd. 7. **Board meetings.** (a) The board shall hold meetings at such times as the
181.12 board shall specify. Notice and conduct of all meetings shall be pursuant to Minnesota
181.13 Statutes, chapter 13D, and in such a manner as the bylaws may provide.

181.14 (b) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the board may conduct a
181.15 meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following
181.16 conditions are met:

181.17 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical
181.18 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

181.19 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can
181.20 hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board and, if
181.21 needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

181.22 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting
181.23 location; and

181.24 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be
181.25 identified and recorded.

181.26 Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic
181.27 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and
181.28 participating in all proceedings.

181.29 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
181.30 emergency meeting, the board, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor
181.31 the meeting electronically from a remote location. The board may require the person
181.32 making such a connection to pay for documented costs that the board incurs as a result of
181.33 the additional connection.

181.34 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
181.35 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the
181.36 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that

182.1 a person may monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Any person
 182.2 monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location may be required to pay
 182.3 documented costs incurred by the board as a result of the additional connection. The
 182.4 timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

182.5 Subd. 8. **Complaints.** (a) The board shall promptly forward to the commissioner
 182.6 the substance of any complaint or communication it receives, whether written or oral,
 182.7 that alleges or implies a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the commissioner has
 182.8 the authority to enforce pertaining to the license or registration of any person authorized
 182.9 by the department to provide high pressure piping services, the performance or offering
 182.10 to perform high pressure piping services requiring licensure by an unlicensed person, or
 182.11 high pressure code compliance. Each complaint or communication that is forwarded to the
 182.12 commissioner shall be submitted on a form provided by the commissioner.

182.13 (b) The commissioner shall advise the board of the status of the complaint within 90
 182.14 days after the board's written submission is received, or within 90 days after the board
 182.15 is provided with a written request for additional information or documentation from the
 182.16 commissioner or the commissioner's designee, whichever is later. The commissioner shall
 182.17 advise the board of the disposition of a complaint referred by the board within 180 days
 182.18 after the board's written submission is received. The commissioner shall annually report to
 182.19 the board a summary of the actions taken in response to complaints referred by the board.

182.20 Subd. 9. **Data practices act.** The board is subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13,
 182.21 the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, and shall protect from unlawful disclosure
 182.22 data classified as not public.

182.23 Subd. 10. **Official records.** The board shall make and preserve all records necessary
 182.24 to a full and accurate knowledge of its official activities in accordance with section 15.17.

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

182.26 Sec. 11. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

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

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
182.31 <u>326.46</u>	<u>326B.90</u>
182.32 <u>326.461</u>	<u>326B.91</u>
182.33 <u>326.47</u>	<u>326B.92</u>
182.34 <u>326.48</u>	<u>326B.93</u>
182.35 <u>326.50</u>	<u>326B.94</u>

ARTICLE 11

APPRENTICESHIP BOARD

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183.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 178.01, is amended to read:

183.4 **178.01 PURPOSES.**

183.5 The purposes of this chapter are: to open to young people regardless of race, sex,
183.6 creed, color or national origin, the opportunity to obtain training that will equip them for
183.7 profitable employment and citizenship; to establish as a means to this end, a program
183.8 of voluntary apprenticeship under approved apprentice agreements providing facilities
183.9 for their training and guidance in the arts, skills, and crafts of industry and trade, with
183.10 concurrent, supplementary instruction in related subjects; to promote employment
183.11 opportunities under conditions providing adequate training and reasonable earnings;
183.12 to relate the supply of skilled workers to employment demands; to establish standards
183.13 for apprentice training; to establish an Apprenticeship ~~Advisory Council~~ Board and
183.14 apprenticeship committees to assist in effectuating the purposes of this chapter; to provide
183.15 for a Division of Labor Standards and Apprenticeship within the Department of Labor
183.16 and Industry; to provide for reports to the legislature regarding the status of apprentice
183.17 training in the state; to establish a procedure for the determination of apprentice agreement
183.18 controversies; and to accomplish related ends.

183.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 178.02, is amended to read:

183.20 **178.02 APPRENTICESHIP ~~ADVISORY COUNCIL~~ BOARD.**

183.21 Subdivision 1. **Members.** The commissioner of labor and industry, hereinafter
183.22 called the commissioner, shall appoint an Apprenticeship ~~Advisory Council~~ Board,
183.23 hereinafter referred to as the ~~council~~ board, composed of three representatives each from
183.24 employer and employee organizations, and two representatives of the general public. The
183.25 director of education responsible for career and technical education or designee shall be an
183.26 ex officio member of the ~~council~~ board and shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

183.27 Subd. 2. **Terms.** The ~~council~~ board shall expire and the terms, compensation, and
183.28 removal of appointed members shall be as provided in section 15.059, ~~except that the~~
183.29 ~~council shall not expire before June 30, 2003.~~

183.30 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The ~~council~~ board shall meet at the call of the commissioner. It
183.31 shall propose occupational classifications for apprenticeship programs; propose minimum
183.32 standards for apprenticeship programs and agreements; and advise on the establishment

184.1 of such policies, procedures, and rules as the ~~commissioner~~ board deems necessary in
184.2 implementing the intent of this chapter.

184.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 178.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

184.4 Subd. 3. **Duties and functions.** The director, under the supervision of the
184.5 commissioner, and with the advice and consultation of the Apprenticeship ~~Advisory~~
184.6 ~~Council~~ Board, is authorized: to administer the provisions of this chapter; to promote
184.7 apprenticeship and other forms of on the job training; to establish, in cooperation and
184.8 consultation with the Apprenticeship ~~Advisory Council~~ Board and with the apprenticeship
184.9 committees, conditions and training standards for the approval of apprenticeship programs
184.10 and agreements, which conditions and standards shall in no case be lower than those
184.11 prescribed by this chapter; to promote equal employment opportunity in apprenticeship
184.12 and other on the job training and to establish a Minnesota plan for equal employment
184.13 opportunity in apprenticeship which shall be consistent with standards established
184.14 under Code of Federal Regulations, title 29, part 30, as amended; to issue certificates of
184.15 registration to sponsors of approved apprenticeship programs; to act as secretary of the
184.16 Apprenticeship ~~Advisory Council~~ Board; to approve, if of the opinion that approval is
184.17 for the best interest of the apprentice, any apprenticeship agreement which meets the
184.18 standards established hereunder; to terminate any apprenticeship agreement in accordance
184.19 with the provisions of such agreement; to keep a record of apprenticeship agreements and
184.20 their disposition; to issue certificates of completion of apprenticeship; and to perform
184.21 such other duties as the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the intent of this
184.22 chapter; provided, that the administration and supervision of supplementary instruction in
184.23 related subjects for apprentices; coordination of instruction on a concurrent basis with
184.24 job experiences, and the selection and training of teachers and coordinators for such
184.25 instruction shall be the function of state and local boards responsible for vocational
184.26 education. The director shall have the authority to make wage determinations applicable
184.27 to the graduated schedule of wages and journeyman wage rate for apprenticeship
184.28 agreements, giving consideration to the existing wage rates prevailing throughout the
184.29 state, except that no wage determination by the director shall alter an existing wage
184.30 provision for apprentices or journeymen that is contained in a bargaining agreement in
184.31 effect between an employer and an organization of employees, nor shall the director
184.32 make any determination for the beginning rate for an apprentice that is below the wage
184.33 minimum established by federal or state law.

184.34 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 178.041, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

185.1 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** The commissioner may, upon receipt of the ~~council's~~ board's
185.2 proposals, accept, adopt, and issue them by rule with any modifications or amendments
185.3 the commissioner finds appropriate. The commissioner may refer them back to the
185.4 ~~council~~ board with recommendations for further study, consideration and revision. If
185.5 the commissioner refuses to accept, adopt, and issue by rule or other appropriate action
185.6 a board proposal, the commissioner must provide a written explanation of the reason
185.7 for the refusal to the board within 30 days after the board submitted the proposal to the
185.8 commissioner. Additional rules may be issued as the commissioner may deem necessary.

185.9 ARTICLE 12

185.10 CONFORMING CHANGES

185.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 31.175, is amended to read:

185.12 31.175 WATER, PLUMBING, AND SEWAGE.

185.13 A person who is required by statutes administered by the Department of Agriculture,
185.14 or by rules adopted pursuant to those statutes, to provide a suitable water supply, or
185.15 plumbing or sewage disposal system, may not engage in the business of manufacturing,
185.16 processing, selling, handling, or storing food at wholesale or retail unless the person's
185.17 water supply is satisfactory under plumbing codes adopted by the Department of ~~Health~~
185.18 Labor and Industry and the person's sewage disposal system satisfies the rules of the
185.19 Pollution Control Agency.

185.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103I.621, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

185.21 Subd. 3. **Construction requirements.** (a) Withdrawal and reinjection for the
185.22 groundwater thermal exchange device must be accomplished by a closed system in which
185.23 the waters drawn for thermal exchange do not have contact or commingle with water
185.24 from other sources or with polluting material or substances. The closed system must be
185.25 constructed to allow an opening for inspection by the commissioner.

185.26 (b) Wells that are part of a groundwater thermal exchange system may not serve
185.27 another function, except water may be supplied to the domestic water system if:

185.28 (1) the supply is taken from the thermal exchange system ahead of the heat exchange
185.29 unit; and

185.30 (2) the domestic water system is protected by an airgap or backflow prevention
185.31 device as described in rules relating to plumbing enforced by the commissioner of labor
185.32 and industry.

186.1 (c) A groundwater thermal exchange system may be used for domestic water heating
186.2 only if the water heating device is an integral part of the heat exchange unit that is used for
186.3 space heating and cooling.

186.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.122, is amended to read:

186.5 **144.122 LICENSE, PERMIT, AND SURVEY FEES.**

186.6 (a) The state commissioner of health, by rule, may prescribe procedures and fees for
186.7 filing with the commissioner as prescribed by statute and for the issuance of original and
186.8 renewal permits, licenses, registrations, and certifications issued under authority of
186.9 the commissioner. The expiration dates of the various licenses, permits, registrations,
186.10 and certifications as prescribed by the rules shall be plainly marked thereon. Fees may
186.11 include application and examination fees and a penalty fee for renewal applications
186.12 submitted after the expiration date of the previously issued permit, license, registration,
186.13 and certification. The commissioner may also prescribe, by rule, reduced fees for permits,
186.14 licenses, registrations, and certifications when the application therefor is submitted
186.15 during the last three months of the permit, license, registration, or certification period.
186.16 Fees proposed to be prescribed in the rules shall be first approved by the Department of
186.17 Finance. All fees proposed to be prescribed in rules shall be reasonable. The fees shall be
186.18 in an amount so that the total fees collected by the commissioner will, where practical,
186.19 approximate the cost to the commissioner in administering the program. All fees collected
186.20 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue
186.21 fund unless otherwise specifically appropriated by law for specific purposes.

186.22 (b) The commissioner may charge a fee for voluntary certification of medical
186.23 laboratories and environmental laboratories, and for environmental and medical laboratory
186.24 services provided by the department, without complying with paragraph (a) or chapter 14.
186.25 Fees charged for environment and medical laboratory services provided by the department
186.26 must be approximately equal to the costs of providing the services.

186.27 (c) The commissioner may develop a schedule of fees for diagnostic evaluations
186.28 conducted at clinics held by the services for children with disabilities program. All
186.29 receipts generated by the program are annually appropriated to the commissioner for use
186.30 in the maternal and child health program.

186.31 (d) The commissioner shall set license fees for hospitals and nursing homes that are
186.32 not boarding care homes at the following levels:

187.1	Joint Commission on Accreditation of	
187.2	Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and	
187.3	American Osteopathic Association (AOA)	
187.4	hospitals	\$7,555 plus \$13 per bed
187.5	Non-JCAHO and non-AOA hospitals	\$5,180 plus \$247 per bed
187.6	Nursing home	\$183 plus \$91 per bed

187.7 The commissioner shall set license fees for outpatient surgical centers, boarding care
 187.8 homes, and supervised living facilities at the following levels:

187.9	Outpatient surgical centers	\$3,349
187.10	Boarding care homes	\$183 plus \$91 per bed
187.11	Supervised living facilities	\$183 plus \$91 per bed.

187.12 (e) Unless prohibited by federal law, the commissioner of health shall charge
 187.13 applicants the following fees to cover the cost of any initial certification surveys required
 187.14 to determine a provider's eligibility to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid program:

187.15	Prospective payment surveys for hospitals	\$900
187.16	Swing bed surveys for nursing homes	\$1,200
187.17	Psychiatric hospitals	\$1,400
187.18	Rural health facilities	\$1,100
187.19	Portable x-ray providers	\$500
187.20	Home health agencies	\$1,800
187.21	Outpatient therapy agencies	\$800
187.22	End stage renal dialysis providers	\$2,100
187.23	Independent therapists	\$800
187.24	Comprehensive rehabilitation outpatient	
187.25	facilities	\$1,200
187.26	Hospice providers	\$1,700
187.27	Ambulatory surgical providers	\$1,800
187.28	Hospitals	\$4,200
187.29	Other provider categories or additional	Actual surveyor costs:
187.30	resurveys required to complete initial	average surveyor cost x
187.31	certification	number of hours for the
187.32		survey process.

187.33 These fees shall be submitted at the time of the application for federal certification
 187.34 and shall not be refunded. All fees collected after the date that the imposition of fees is not
 187.35 prohibited by federal law shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state
 187.36 government special revenue fund.

187.37 ~~(f) The commissioner shall charge the following fees for examinations, registrations,~~
 187.38 ~~licenses, and inspections:~~

187.39	Plumbing examination	\$ 50
187.40	Water conditioning examination	\$ 50
187.41	Plumbing bond registration fee	\$ 40

188.1	Water conditioning bond registration fee	\$ 40
188.2	Master plumber's license	\$120
188.3	Journeyman plumber's license	\$ 55
188.4	Apprentice registration	\$ 25
188.5	Water conditioning contractor license	\$ 70
188.6	Water conditioning installer license	\$ 35
188.7	Residential inspection fee (each visit)	\$ 50
188.8	Public, commercial, and industrial	Inspection fee
188.9	inspections	
188.10	25 or fewer drainage fixture units	\$ 300
188.11	26 to 50 drainage fixture units	\$ 900
188.12	51 to 150 drainage fixture units	\$1,200
188.13	151 to 249 drainage fixture units	\$1,500
188.14	250 or more drainage fixture units	\$1,800
188.15	Callback fee (each visit)	\$100

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

188.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

188.18 Subdivision 1. **Remedies available.** The provisions of chapters 103I and 157 and
 188.19 sections 115.71 to 115.77; 144.12, subdivision 1, paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (10), (12),
 188.20 (13), (14), and (15); 144.1201 to 144.1204; 144.121; 144.1222; 144.35; 144.381 to
 188.21 144.385; 144.411 to 144.417; 144.495; 144.71 to 144.74; 144.9501 to 144.9509; 144.992;
 188.22 ~~326.37 to 326.45; 326.57~~ 326.70 to 326.785; 327.10 to 327.131; and 327.14 to 327.28 and
 188.23 all rules, orders, stipulation agreements, settlements, compliance agreements, licenses,
 188.24 registrations, certificates, and permits adopted or issued by the department or under any
 188.25 other law now in force or later enacted for the preservation of public health may, in
 188.26 addition to provisions in other statutes, be enforced under this section.

188.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 175.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

188.28 Subdivision 1. **Established.** The Department of Labor and Industry shall consist
 188.29 of the following divisions: Division of Workers' Compensation, Division of ~~Boiler~~
 188.30 ~~Inspection~~ Construction Codes and Licensing, Division of Occupational Safety and
 188.31 Health, Division of Statistics, ~~Division of Steamfitting Standards~~, Division of Labor
 188.32 Standards and Apprenticeship, and such other divisions as the commissioner of the
 188.33 Department of Labor and Industry may deem necessary and establish. Each division of
 188.34 the department and persons in charge thereof shall be subject to the supervision of the
 188.35 commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and, in addition to such duties
 188.36 as are or may be imposed on them by statute, shall perform such other duties as may be

189.1 assigned to them by the commissioner. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
189.2 the commissioner is the administrator and supervisor of all of the department's dispute
189.3 resolution functions and personnel and may delegate authority to compensation judges
189.4 and others to make determinations under sections 176.106, 176.238, and 176.239 and to
189.5 approve settlement of claims under section 176.521.

189.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 214.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

189.7 Subd. 3. **Non-health-related licensing board.** "Non-health-related licensing
189.8 board" means the Board of Teaching established pursuant to section 122A.07, the Board
189.9 of Barber Examiners established pursuant to section 154.001, the Board of Assessors
189.10 established pursuant to section 270.41, the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land
189.11 Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design established pursuant
189.12 to section 326.04, ~~the Board of Electricity established pursuant to section 326.241,~~ the
189.13 Private Detective and Protective Agent Licensing Board established pursuant to section
189.14 326.33, the Board of Accountancy established pursuant to section 326A.02, and the Peace
189.15 Officer Standards and Training Board established pursuant to section 626.841.

189.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 214.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

189.17 Subdivision 1. **Services provided.** (a) ~~The commissioner of administration with~~
189.18 ~~respect to the Board of Electricity,~~ the commissioner of education with respect to the
189.19 Board of Teaching; the commissioner of public safety with respect to the Board of Private
189.20 Detective and Protective Agent Services; the panel established pursuant to section
189.21 299A.465, subdivision 7; the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; and the
189.22 commissioner of revenue with respect to the Board of Assessors, shall provide suitable
189.23 offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, examination rooms, and
189.24 the following administrative support services: purchasing service, accounting service,
189.25 advisory personnel services, consulting services relating to evaluation procedures and
189.26 techniques, data processing, duplicating, mailing services, automated printing of license
189.27 renewals, and such other similar services of a housekeeping nature as are generally
189.28 available to other agencies of state government. Investigative services shall be provided
189.29 the boards by employees of the Office of Attorney General. The commissioner of health
189.30 with respect to the health-related licensing boards shall provide mailing and office supply
189.31 services and may provide other facilities and services listed in this subdivision at a
189.32 central location upon request of the health-related licensing boards. The commissioner of
189.33 commerce with respect to the remaining non-health-related licensing boards shall provide
189.34 the above facilities and services at a central location for the remaining non-health-related

190.1 licensing boards. The legal and investigative services for the boards shall be provided
 190.2 by employees of the attorney general assigned to the departments servicing the boards.
 190.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the attorney general shall not be precluded by this section
 190.4 from assigning other attorneys to service a board if necessary in order to insure competent
 190.5 and consistent legal representation. Persons providing legal and investigative services
 190.6 shall to the extent practicable provide the services on a regular basis to the same board
 190.7 or boards.

190.8 (b) The requirements in paragraph (a) with respect to the panel established in section
 190.9 299A.465, subdivision 7, expire July 1, 2008.

190.10 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 214.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

190.11 Subd. 3. **Officers; staff.** The executive director of each health-related board and
 190.12 the executive secretary of each non-health-related board shall be the chief administrative
 190.13 officer for the board but shall not be a member of the board. The executive director or
 190.14 executive secretary shall maintain the records of the board, account for all fees received
 190.15 by it, supervise and direct employees servicing the board, and perform other services as
 190.16 directed by the board. The executive directors, executive secretaries, and other employees
 190.17 of the following boards shall be hired by the board, and the executive directors or executive
 190.18 secretaries shall be in the unclassified civil service, except as provided in this subdivision:

190.19 (1) Dentistry;

190.20 (2) Medical Practice;

190.21 (3) Nursing;

190.22 (4) Pharmacy;

190.23 (5) Accountancy;

190.24 (6) Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture,

190.25 Geoscience, and Interior Design;

190.26 (7) Barber Examiners;

190.27 (8) Cosmetology;

190.28 ~~(9) Electricity;~~

190.29 ~~(10) (9) Teaching;~~

190.30 ~~(11) (10) Peace Officer Standards and Training;~~

190.31 ~~(12) (11) Social Work;~~

190.32 ~~(13) (12) Marriage and Family Therapy;~~

190.33 ~~(14) (13) Dietetics and Nutrition Practice; and~~

190.34 ~~(15) (14) Licensed Professional Counseling.~~

191.1 The executive directors or executive secretaries serving the boards are hired by those
 191.2 boards and are in the unclassified civil service, except for part-time executive directors
 191.3 or executive secretaries, who are not required to be in the unclassified service. Boards
 191.4 not requiring full-time executive directors or executive secretaries may employ them on
 191.5 a part-time basis. To the extent practicable, the sharing of part-time executive directors
 191.6 or executive secretaries by boards being serviced by the same department is encouraged.
 191.7 Persons providing services to those boards not listed in this subdivision, except executive
 191.8 directors or executive secretaries of the boards and employees of the attorney general, are
 191.9 classified civil service employees of the department servicing the board. To the extent
 191.10 practicable, the commissioner shall ensure that staff services are shared by the boards
 191.11 being serviced by the department. If necessary, a board may hire part-time, temporary
 191.12 employees to administer and grade examinations.

191.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.975, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

191.14 Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) In addition to any other fees, each applicant for a
 191.15 license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall pay a fee to the contractor's recovery fund.
 191.16 The contractor's recovery fund is created in the state treasury and must be administered
 191.17 by the commissioner in the manner and subject to all the requirements and limitations
 191.18 provided by section 82.43 ~~with the following exceptions:~~

191.19 ~~(1) each licensee who renews a license shall pay in addition to the appropriate~~
 191.20 ~~renewal fee an additional fee which shall be credited to the contractor's recovery fund. The~~
 191.21 ~~amount of the fee shall be based on the licensee's gross annual receipts for the licensee's~~
 191.22 ~~most recent fiscal year preceding the renewal, on the following scale:~~

191.23	Fee	Gross Receipts
191.24	\$100	under \$1,000,000
191.25	\$150	\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000
191.26	\$200	over \$5,000,000

191.27 ~~Any person who receives a new license shall pay a fee based on the same scale;~~

191.28 ~~(2)~~ (1) The purpose of this fund is:

191.29 (i) to compensate any aggrieved owner or lessee of residential property located
 191.30 within this state who obtains a final judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction
 191.31 against a licensee licensed under section 326.84, on grounds of fraudulent, deceptive, or
 191.32 dishonest practices, conversion of funds, or failure of performance arising directly out
 191.33 of any transaction when the judgment debtor was licensed and performed any of the
 191.34 activities enumerated under section 326.83, subdivision 19, on the owner's residential
 191.35 property or on residential property rented by the lessee, or on new residential construction

192.1 which was never occupied prior to purchase by the owner, or which was occupied by the
 192.2 licensee for less than one year prior to purchase by the owner, and which cause of action
 192.3 arose on or after April 1, 1994; and

192.4 (ii) to reimburse the Department of Commerce for all legal and administrative
 192.5 expenses, including staffing costs, incurred in administering the fund;

192.6 ~~(3)~~(2) nothing may obligate the fund for more than \$50,000 per claimant, nor more
 192.7 than \$75,000 per licensee; and

192.8 ~~(4)~~(3) nothing may obligate the fund for claims based on a cause of action that
 192.9 arose before the licensee paid the recovery fund fee set in clause (1), or as provided in
 192.10 section 326.945, subdivision 3.

192.11 (b) Should the commissioner pay from the contractor's recovery fund any amount
 192.12 in settlement of a claim or toward satisfaction of a judgment against a licensee, the
 192.13 license shall be automatically suspended upon the effective date of an order by the court
 192.14 authorizing payment from the fund. No licensee shall be granted reinstatement until the
 192.15 licensee has repaid in full, plus interest at the rate of 12 percent a year, twice the amount
 192.16 paid from the fund on the licensee's account, and has obtained a surety bond issued by an
 192.17 insurer authorized to transact business in this state in the amount of at least \$40,000.

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

192.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

192.20 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** No domestic animals or house pets of occupants of
 192.21 manufactured home parks or recreational camping areas shall be allowed to run at large,
 192.22 or commit any nuisances within the limits of a manufactured home park or recreational
 192.23 camping area. Each manufactured home park or recreational camping area licensed under
 192.24 the provisions of sections 327.10, 327.11, 327.14 to 327.28 shall, among other things,
 192.25 provide for the following, in the manner hereinafter specified:

192.26 (1) A responsible attendant or caretaker shall be in charge of every manufactured
 192.27 home park or recreational camping area at all times, who shall maintain the park or
 192.28 area, and its facilities and equipment in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition. In any
 192.29 manufactured home park containing more than 50 lots, the attendant, caretaker, or other
 192.30 responsible park employee, shall be readily available at all times in case of emergency.

192.31 (2) All manufactured home parks shall be well drained and be located so that the
 192.32 drainage of the park area will not endanger any water supply. No wastewater from
 192.33 manufactured homes or recreational camping vehicles shall be deposited on the surface of
 192.34 the ground. All sewage and other water carried wastes shall be discharged into a municipal

193.1 sewage system whenever available. When a municipal sewage system is not available, a
193.2 sewage disposal system acceptable to the state commissioner of health shall be provided.

193.3 (3) No manufactured home shall be located closer than three feet to the side lot lines
193.4 of a manufactured home park, if the abutting property is improved property, or closer than
193.5 ten feet to a public street or alley. Each individual site shall abut or face on a driveway
193.6 or clear unoccupied space of not less than 16 feet in width, which space shall have
193.7 unobstructed access to a public highway or alley. There shall be an open space of at least
193.8 ten feet between the sides of adjacent manufactured homes including their attachments
193.9 and at least three feet between manufactured homes when parked end to end. The space
193.10 between manufactured homes may be used for the parking of motor vehicles and other
193.11 property, if the vehicle or other property is parked at least ten feet from the nearest
193.12 adjacent manufactured home position. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply
193.13 to recreational camping areas and variances may be granted by the state commissioner
193.14 of health in manufactured home parks when the variance is applied for in writing and in
193.15 the opinion of the commissioner the variance will not endanger the health, safety, and
193.16 welfare of manufactured home park occupants.

193.17 (4) An adequate supply of water of safe, sanitary quality shall be furnished at each
193.18 manufactured home park or recreational camping area. The source of the water supply
193.19 shall first be approved by the state Department of Health.

193.20 (5) All plumbing shall be installed in accordance with the rules of the state
193.21 commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry and the provisions of the Minnesota Plumbing
193.22 Code.

193.23 (6) In the case of a manufactured home park with less than ten manufactured homes,
193.24 a plan for the sheltering or the safe evacuation to a safe place of shelter of the residents of
193.25 the park in times of severe weather conditions, such as tornadoes, high winds, and floods.
193.26 The shelter or evacuation plan shall be developed with the assistance and approval of
193.27 the municipality where the park is located and shall be posted at conspicuous locations
193.28 throughout the park. The park owner shall provide each resident with a copy of the
193.29 approved shelter or evacuation plan, as provided by section 327C.01, subdivision 1c.
193.30 Nothing in this paragraph requires the Department of Health to review or approve any
193.31 shelter or evacuation plan developed by a park. Failure of a municipality to approve a plan
193.32 submitted by a park shall not be grounds for action against the park by the Department of
193.33 Health if the park has made a good faith effort to develop the plan and obtain municipal
193.34 approval.

193.35 (7) A manufactured home park with ten or more manufactured homes, licensed prior
193.36 to March 1, 1988, shall provide a safe place of shelter for park residents or a plan for the

194.1 evacuation of park residents to a safe place of shelter within a reasonable distance of the
194.2 park for use by park residents in times of severe weather, including tornadoes and high
194.3 winds. The shelter or evacuation plan must be approved by the municipality by March 1,
194.4 1989. The municipality may require the park owner to construct a shelter if it determines
194.5 that a safe place of shelter is not available within a reasonable distance from the park. A
194.6 copy of the municipal approval and the plan shall be submitted by the park owner to the
194.7 Department of Health. The park owner shall provide each resident with a copy of the
194.8 approved shelter or evacuation plan, as provided by section 327C.01, subdivision 1c.

194.9 (8) A manufactured home park with ten or more manufactured homes, receiving
194.10 a primary license after March 1, 1988, must provide the type of shelter required by
194.11 section 327.205, except that for manufactured home parks established as temporary,
194.12 emergency housing in a disaster area declared by the President of the United States or
194.13 the governor, an approved evacuation plan may be provided in lieu of a shelter for a
194.14 period not exceeding 18 months.

194.15 (9) For the purposes of this subdivision, "park owner" and "resident" have the
194.16 meaning given them in section 327C.01.

194.17 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327.205, is amended to read:

194.18 **327.205 SHELTER CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.**

194.19 The commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry shall adopt, by rule,
194.20 minimum standards for the construction of low cost manufactured home park storm
194.21 shelters by March 1, 1988. All shelters constructed after March 1, 1988, shall be
194.22 constructed in accordance with these standards.

194.23 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327A.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

194.24 Subd. 2. **Building standards.** "Building standards" means the materials and
194.25 installation standards of the State Building Code, adopted by the commissioner of
194.26 ~~administration~~ labor and industry pursuant to sections 16B.59 to 16B.75, in effect at
194.27 the time of the construction or remodeling.

194.28 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 363A.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

194.29 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

194.30 (a) "Accessible unit" means an accessible rental housing unit that meets the
194.31 ~~disability facility~~ persons with disabilities requirements of the State Building Code;
194.32 ~~Minnesota Rules, chapter 1340.~~

194.33 (b) "Landlord" has the meaning given it in section 504B.001, subdivision 7.

195.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 462.357, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

195.2 Subd. 6a. **Normal residential surroundings for ~~disabled persons with~~**
195.3 **disabilities**. It is the policy of this state that ~~disabled persons and children with disabilities~~
195.4 should not be excluded by municipal zoning ordinances or other land use regulations from
195.5 the benefits of normal residential surroundings. For purposes of subdivisions 6a through
195.6 9, "person" has the meaning given in section 245A.02, subdivision 11.

195.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 462A.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

195.8 Subd. 8. **State Building Code**. It may assist the commissioner of ~~administration~~
195.9 labor and industry in the development, implementation and revision of ~~a uniform the~~
195.10 State Building Code.

195.11 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.465, is amended to read:

195.12 **471.465 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; BUILDING REGULATIONS;**
195.13 **DEFINITIONS.**

195.14 Subdivision 1. **Scope**. For the purposes of sections 471.465 to 471.469, the terms
195.15 defined in this section have the meanings given them.

195.16 Subd. 2. **Buildings and facilities**. "Buildings and facilities" means any and all
195.17 buildings and facilities and the grounds appurtenant thereto within any city, township or
195.18 other governmental subdivision of the state other than all farm dwellings and buildings
195.19 and single and two family dwellings. However, on the date on which rules promulgated by
195.20 the commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry regarding building requirements for
195.21 ~~disabled persons with disabilities~~ shall become effective, "buildings and facilities" shall
195.22 mean only those structures which must provide facilities for ~~the disabled persons with~~
195.23 disabilities pursuant to said rules.

195.24 Subd. 3. ~~**Physically disabled Persons with disabilities**~~. "~~Physically disabled~~
195.25 Persons with disabilities" means and includes people having sight disabilities, hearing
195.26 disabilities, disabilities of incoordination, disabilities of aging, and any other disability
195.27 that significantly reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination, or perceptiveness.

195.28 Subd. 4. **Remodeling**. "Remodeling" means deliberate reconstruction of an existing
195.29 building or facility in whole or in part in order to bring it up to date to conform with
195.30 present uses of the structure and to conform with rules and regulations on the upgrading
195.31 of health and safety aspects of structures.

195.32 Subd. 5. **Local authority**. "Local authority" means the local authority having
195.33 jurisdiction over local building construction.

196.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.466, is amended to read:

196.2 **471.466 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

196.3 The duty and power to administer and enforce sections 471.465 to 471.469 is
 196.4 conferred upon and vested in the commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry and
 196.5 the local authority.

196.6 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.467, is amended to read:

196.7 **471.467 BUILDING REQUIREMENTS; CONFORMITY.**

196.8 Subdivision 1. **Date applicable.** On the date on which rules promulgated by the
 196.9 commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor and industry regarding building requirements for
 196.10 ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities shall become effective, said rules shall exclusively
 196.11 govern the provision of facilities.

196.12 Subd. 2. **No remodeling if solely for ~~disabled~~ persons with disabilities.** Nothing
 196.13 in sections 471.465 to 471.469 shall be construed to require the remodeling of buildings
 196.14 solely to provide accessibility and usability to ~~the physically disabled~~ persons with
 196.15 disabilities when remodeling would not otherwise be undertaken.

196.16 Subd. 3. **Applies to remodeled part.** When any building or facility covered
 196.17 by sections 471.465 to 471.469 undergoes remodeling either in whole or in part, that
 196.18 portion of the building or facility remodeled shall conform to the requirements of sections
 196.19 471.465 to 471.469.

196.20 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.471, is amended to read:

196.21 **471.471 ACCESS REVIEW BOARD.**

196.22 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Access Review Board consists of:

196.23 (1) a representative of the ~~Building Code and Standards Division of the Department~~
 196.24 ~~of Administration~~ Labor and Industry, appointed by the commissioner of ~~administration~~
 196.25 labor and industry;

196.26 (2) a representative of the state fire marshal's office, appointed by the commissioner
 196.27 of public safety;

196.28 (3) the commissioner of human rights or the commissioner's designee;

196.29 (4) a representative of the elevator safety section, designated by the commissioner
 196.30 ~~of labor and industry or the commissioner's designee~~; and

196.31 (5) the chair of the Council on Disability or the chair's designee.

196.32 The board shall elect a chair from among its members. Terms of members coincide with
 196.33 the terms of their appointing authorities or, in the case of ex officio members or their

197.1 designees, with the terms of the offices by virtue of which they are members of the board.
197.2 Compensation of members is governed by section 15.0575, subdivision 3.

197.3 Subd. 2. **Staff; administrative support.** The commissioner of ~~administration~~ labor
197.4 and industry shall furnish staff, office space, and administrative support to the board. Staff
197.5 assigned to the board must be knowledgeable with respect to access codes, site surveys,
197.6 plan design, and product use and eligibility.

197.7 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The board shall consider applications for waivers from the
197.8 State Building Code to permit the installation of stairway chair lifts to provide limited
197.9 accessibility for ~~the physically disabled~~ persons with disabilities to buildings in which
197.10 the provision of access by means permitted under the State Building Code is not
197.11 architecturally or financially possible. In considering applications, the board shall review
197.12 other possible access options. The board may approve an application for installation of a
197.13 stairway chair when the board determines that the installation would be appropriate and
197.14 no other means of access is possible. In determining whether to approve an application,
197.15 the board shall consider:

197.16 (1) the need for limited accessibility when a higher degree of accessibility is not
197.17 required by state or federal law or rule;

197.18 (2) the architectural feasibility of providing a greater degree of accessibility than
197.19 would be provided by the proposed device or equipment;

197.20 (3) the total cost of the proposed device or equipment over its projected usable life,
197.21 including installation, maintenance, and replacement costs;

197.22 (4) the reliability of the proposed device or equipment;

197.23 (5) the applicant's ability to comply with all recognized access and safety standards
197.24 for installation and maintenance; and

197.25 (6) whether the proposed device or equipment can be operated and used without
197.26 reducing or compromising minimum safety standards.

197.27 The board shall consider the applicant's demonstrated inability to afford a greater degree
197.28 of accessibility, but may not give greater weight to this factor than to the factors listed
197.29 in clauses (1) to (6). The board may not approve an application unless the applicant
197.30 guarantees that the device or equipment will be installed and operated in accordance with
197.31 nationally recognized standards for such devices or equipment and agrees to obtain any
197.32 permits needed from the agency responsible for enforcing those standards.

197.33 Subd. 4. **Application process.** A person seeking a waiver shall apply to the
197.34 ~~Building Code and Standards Division of the Department of Administration~~ Labor and
197.35 Industry on a form prescribed by the board and pay a \$70 fee to the construction code
197.36 fund. The division shall review the application to determine whether it appears to be

198.1 meritorious, using the standards set out in subdivision 3. The division shall forward
198.2 applications it considers meritorious to the board, along with a list and summary of
198.3 applications considered not to be meritorious. The board may require the division to
198.4 forward to it an application the division has considered not to be meritorious. The board
198.5 shall issue a decision on an application within 90 days of its receipt. A board decision
198.6 to approve an application must be unanimous. An application that contains false or
198.7 misleading information must be rejected.

198.8 Subd. 5. **Liability.** Board members are immune from liability for personal injury or
198.9 death resulting from the use or misuse of a device or equipment installed and operated
198.10 under a waiver granted by the board.

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

198.12 **ARTICLE 13**

198.13 **TRANSFER; APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE**

198.14 Section 1. **TRANSFER.**

198.15 The commissioner of labor and industry shall transfer \$1,627,000 by June 30, 2008,
198.16 and \$1,515,000 by June 30, 2009, and each year thereafter from the construction code
198.17 fund to the general fund. If an annual transfer for this purpose is enacted more than once
198.18 in the 2007 session, the annual transfer is effective only once.

198.19 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS.**

198.20 (a) The general fund appropriation to the commissioner of labor and industry for
198.21 safety codes and services is reduced by \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$2,862,000
198.22 in fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter. If an annual appropriation reduction
198.23 for this purpose is enacted more than once in the 2007 session, the annual reduction is
198.24 effective only once.

198.25 (b) The state government special revenue fund appropriation to the commissioner
198.26 of labor and industry is reduced by \$1,874,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$1,918,000 in
198.27 fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter. If an annual appropriation reduction
198.28 for this purpose is enacted more than once in the 2007 session, the annual reduction is
198.29 effective only once.

198.30 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

198.31 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.665; 183.001; 183.02; 183.375,
198.32 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6; 183.41, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; 183.44, subdivisions

199.1 1, 2, and 3; 183.52; 183.54, subdivision 2; 183.61, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, and 6; 326.01,
199.2 subdivisions 4, 6h, 10, 11, and 12; 326.242, subdivisions 4, 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g,
199.3 9h, 9i, 9j, 9k, and 10; 326.244, subdivision 6; 326.246; 326.2461; 326.40, subdivision 4;
199.4 326.41; 326.45; 326.47, subdivision 5; 326.51; 326.521; 326.83, subdivisions 3, 4, 12,
199.5 and 13; 326.85; 326.875; 326.91, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4; 326.945; 326.975; 326.98; and
199.6 327B.05, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, are repealed.

199.7 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.747, subdivision 4; 183.375, subdivision
199.8 5; 183.545, subdivision 9; 326.01, subdivision 13; 326.44; 326.52; and 326.64, are
199.9 repealed.

199.10 (c) Minnesota Rules, parts 2809.0230; 2891.0010; 2891.0030; 3800.2650;
199.11 3800.3580; 3800.3590; 3800.3630; 3800.3750; 3800.3835; 4715.5600; 4715.5900;
199.12 4717.7000, subpart 1, item I; 5225.0880; 5225.8600, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and
199.13 9; 5230.0010; 5230.0020; 5230.0040; 5230.0060, subpart 2; and 5230.0100, subparts
199.14 1, 3, and 4, are repealed.

199.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a) and (c) are effective December 1, 2007.
199.16 Paragraph (b) is effective July 1, 2007.

199.17 **Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

199.18 This act is effective December 1, 2007, except when another date is specified. The
199.19 revisor's instructions contained in this act shall be implemented for the 2008 edition of
199.20 Minnesota Statutes.

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16B.665 PERMIT FEE LIMITATION ON MINOR RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

A municipality as defined in section 16B.60, subdivision 3, or a town may not charge a permit fee that exceeds \$15 or 5 percent of the cost of the improvement, installation, or replacement, whichever is greater, for the improvement, installation, or replacement of a residential fixture or appliance that:

- (1) does not require modification to electric or gas service;
- (2) has a total cost of \$500 or less, excluding the cost of the fixture or appliance; and
- (3) is improved, installed, or replaced by the home owner or a licensed contractor.

16B.747 FEES FOR LICENSURE AND INSPECTION.

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

183.001 ADMINISTRATION, PENALTIES.

The commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry shall administer chapter 183. In addition to the remedies provided for violations of this chapter, the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of any provision of this chapter.

183.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** When used in this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subd. 3. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subd. 4. **Inland waters.** "Inland waters" means navigable bodies of water within the boundaries of this state, excluding boundary lakes and boundary rivers.

183.375 DIVISION OF BOILER INSPECTION.

Subdivision 1. **Management of division.** The Department of Labor and Industry, Division of Boiler Inspection, is hereby continued under the management, supervision, and control of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subd. 2. **Chief of division.** Subject to the provisions of chapter 43A, the commissioner shall appoint a chief and may appoint a deputy chief of the Division of Boiler Inspection. The appointee shall be a qualified steam engineer with at least ten years of operation experience as such and shall be licensed as a chief Grade A engineer in this state and shall possess a current commission issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. Inspectors employed in the Division of Boiler Inspection or employed as an authorized inspector by a qualified insurance company insuring boilers and pressure vessels in Minnesota may utilize up to five years of equivalent experience as inspectors, in satisfying the requirement of ten years of experience as steam engineers for the chief and deputy chief positions.

Subd. 3. **Inspectors.** The department may employ such inspectors and other persons as are necessary to efficiently perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed upon the Division of Boiler Inspection.

Subd. 4. **Powers and duties.** Subject to the provisions of chapter 43A, the department shall prescribe the duties of the Division of Boiler Inspection.

Subd. 5. **Fees.** All fees collected by the Division of Boiler Inspection shall be paid into the state treasury in the manner provided by law for fees received by other state departments and credited to the general fund.

Subd. 6. **Reports and notices.** All reports and notices heretofore required by law to be made or given to the Board of Boiler Inspectors, or the chief boiler inspector shall be made or given to the department.

183.41 BOATS; RULES.

Subdivision 1. **Boat.** "Boat" means any boat or vessel propelled by mechanical power used and operated for carrying passengers for hire on any inland waters of the state.

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Subd. 2. **Inspection rules.** The department shall prescribe rules for the inspection of the hulls, machinery, boilers, steam connections, fire fighting apparatus, life saving appliances and equipment of all power boats navigating the inland waters of the state, which shall conform to the requirements and specifications of the United States Coast Guard as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 46, in similar cases; these rules shall have the force of law.

Subd. 3. **Number of passengers.** The department shall designate the number of passengers that each boat may safely carry, and no such boat shall carry a greater number than is allowed by the inspector's certificate.

Subd. 4. **Annual permit.** The commissioner shall issue an annual permit to a boat for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of the state provided the boat satisfies the inspection requirements of this section. A boat subject to inspection under this chapter shall be registered with the Division of Boiler Inspection and shall be inspected before a permit may be issued.

183.44 EXAMINATIONS; RULES; LICENSING, REVOCATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Masters.** The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall examine all masters of boats and vessels carrying passengers for hire on the inland waters of the state as to their qualifications and fitness. If found qualified and competent to perform their duties as a master of a boat carrying passengers for hire, they shall be issued a license authorizing them to act as such on the inland waters of the state. The license shall be renewed annually. Fees for the original issue and renewal of the license authorized under this section shall be pursuant to section 183.545, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Rules.** The Division of Boiler Inspection shall make such rules for inspection and operation of boats subject to inspection under this chapter, boilers and pressure vessels, the licensing of engineers and pilots, and the navigation of any such boat or vessel as will require their operation without danger to life or property.

Subd. 3. **Suspension, revocation.** The Division of Boiler Inspection may suspend or revoke the license of any master, pilot or engineer found under the influence of drugs or alcohol when on duty or who otherwise disregards the provisions of sections 183.375 to 183.62 or any rule promulgated thereunder.

183.52 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

The chief boiler inspector or representative may issue cease and desist orders to any person found to be in violation of sections 183.375 to 183.62 or the rules adopted thereunder, or for otherwise operating or allowing a boiler or pressure vessel to be operated under unsafe or dangerous conditions, and may petition for enforcement of the order in the district court. The department may also suspend or revoke the license of any engineer for a violation.

183.54 BOILER INSPECTOR TO DELIVER CERTIFICATES; PAYMENT OF INSPECTION FEES.

Subd. 2. **Fees.** Fees for the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels are payable at the time of the delivery of the certificate.

183.545 FEES FOR INSPECTION.

Subd. 9. **Deposit of fees.** Fees received under this section must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

183.61 VIOLATIONS BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION.

Subdivision 1. **Violating rules.** Any owner, master, or other person violating any rule prescribed by the Department of Labor and Industry is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Boats.** Every owner, lessee, master, or pilot violating any provision of section 183.44 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 5. **Section 183.50 violation.** Every person who violates any provision of section 183.50 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Subd. 6. **Insurance reports.** Any insurance company that fails to comply with the requirements of section 183.57 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

326.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** The term "special electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair, and supervise the installing, altering, or repairing of special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes or for special classes of electrical work who is licensed as such by the Board of Electricity. The scope of any special electrician license created by the board under section 326.242, subdivision 4, shall be limited to that provided for by the rules adopted by the board.

Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** The term "special electrician" means a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair, and supervise the installing, altering, or repairing of special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes or for special classes of electrical work who is licensed as such by the Board of Electricity. The scope of any special electrician license created by the board under section 326.242, subdivision 4, shall be limited to that provided for by the rules adopted by the board.

Subd. 6h. **Complaint committee.** The term "complaint committee" means a committee of the board which is authorized by the board or other provisions of chapter 214 or sections 326.241 to 326.248 to investigate, mediate, or initiate administrative or legal proceedings on behalf of the board with respect to complaints filed with or information received by the board alleging or indicating violations of sections 326.241 to 326.248. The complaint committee shall consist of at least one board member, the board's executive secretary, its assistant executive secretary, and the attorney general staff member assigned to provide legal services to the board.

Subd. 9. **Plumber's apprentice.** A "plumber's apprentice" is any person, other than a journeyman or master plumber, who, as a principal occupation, is engaged in working as an employee of a plumbing contractor under the immediate and personal supervision of either a master or journeyman plumber or plumbing contractor in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing.

Subd. 10. **High pressure steam piping.** "High pressure steam piping" means steam piping operating under a pressure of 15 pounds or more per square inch.

Subd. 11. **Journeyman steamfitter.** A "journeyman steamfitter" is any person, other than a contracting steamfitter, who, as a principal occupation, is engaged in the practical installation of high pressure steam work.

Subd. 12. **Contracting steamfitter.** A "contracting steamfitter" is any person skilled in the planning, superintending, and the practical installation of high pressure steamfitting, and who is familiar with the laws and rules governing the same.

Subd. 13. **Steamfitter's apprentice.** A "steamfitter's apprentice" is any person, other than a journeyman or master steamfitter, who, as a principal occupation, is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of high pressure steamfitting.

326.241 BOARD OF ELECTRICITY.

Subdivision 1. **Composition.** The Board of Electricity shall consist of 11 members, residents of the state, appointed by the governor of whom two shall be representatives of the electrical suppliers in the rural areas of the state, two shall be master electricians, who shall be contractors, two journeyman electricians, one registered consulting electrical engineer, two power limited technicians, who shall be technology system contractors primarily engaged in the business of installing technology circuits or systems, and two public members as defined by section 214.02. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214.

Subd. 2. **Powers.** The board, or the complaint committee on behalf of the board where authorized by law, shall have power to:

(1) Elect its own officers.

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

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to chapter 43A. All inspectors shall hold licenses as master or journeyman electricians under section 326.242, subdivision 1(1) or 2(1), and shall give bond in an amount fixed by the board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties.

(3) Pay such other expenses as it may deem necessary in the performance of its duties, including rent, supplies, and such like.

(4) Enforce the provisions of sections 326.241 to 326.248, and provide, upon request, such additional voluntary inspections and reviews as it may deem appropriate.

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

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

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

326.242 LICENSES.

Subd. 4. **Special electrician.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2, 6, and 7, the board may by rule provide for the issuance of special electrician licenses empowering the licensee to engage in a limited class or classes of electrical work, which class or classes shall be specified on the license certificate. Each licensee shall have had at least two years of experience, acceptable to the board, in each such limited class of work for which the licensee is licensed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Subd. 9c. **Temporary suspension.** (a) The complaint committee may, on behalf of the board and in the public interest, temporarily suspend a license pending final determination of an order for hearing. The complaint committee shall not issue a temporary suspension order until an investigation of the facts has been conducted pursuant to section 214.10 by the attorney general. The complaint committee shall issue a temporary suspension order only when the safety of life or property is threatened or to prevent the commission of fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest acts against the public. Service of the temporary suspension order is effective if the order is served on the licensee or counsel of record personally or by first class mail to the most recent address provided to the board for the licensee or the counsel of record.

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

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

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

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

Subd. 9e. **Costs of proceeding.** The board may impose a fee to reimburse the board for all or part of the cost of the proceedings resulting in disciplinary action or the imposition of civil penalties or the issuance of a cease and desist order. Such fees include, but are not limited to, the amount paid by the board for services from the office of administrative hearings, attorney fees, court reporters, witnesses, reproduction of records, board members' per diem compensation, board staff time, and expense incurred by board members and staff.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) responding fully and promptly to questions raised by or on behalf of the board or its complaint committee relating to the subject of the investigation;
 - (2) providing copies of records in the person's possession related to the matter under investigation as requested by the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general within the time limit set by the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general;
 - (3) assisting the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general in its investigation;
- and
- (4) appearing at conferences or hearings scheduled by the board or its complaint committee.

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

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

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

326.244 INSPECTION.

Subd. 6. **Site inspections.** The board may, without advance notice, inspect any site at which electrical work is being performed or has been performed or where records concerning the performance of electrical work are kept for purposes of ensuring compliance with sections 326.241 to 326.248 or any rule or order adopted or issued under these sections. With respect to electrical work performed at or records kept in an occupied private dwelling, all inspections permitted by this subdivision shall occur during normal business hours and shall be preceded by advance notice, which need not be in writing. The board shall have the authority to examine and copy all records concerning the performance of electrical work and to question in private all persons employed by a contractor or on the site. No person shall retaliate in any manner against any employee or person who is questioned by, cooperates with, or provides information to the board, its complaint committee, or the attorney general.

326.246 CRIMES.

It is a misdemeanor knowingly and willfully to commit, or to order, instruct, or direct another to commit, any of the following acts:

- (1) to make a false statement in any license application, request for inspection, certificate or other lawfully authorized or required form or statement provided by sections 326.241 to 326.248;
- (2) to perform electrical work without a proper license for such work unless the work is exempt from licensing;
- (3) to fail to file a request for inspection when required;
- (4) to interfere with or refuse entry to an inspector lawfully engaged in the performance of the inspector's duties; and
- (5) to violate any lawful statute, rule, or order of the board, or any city ordinance which pertains to powers given to political subdivisions under section 326.244, subdivision 4.

326.2461 UNIFORM ELECTRICAL VIOLATION CITATION.

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Subdivision 1. **Citation authorized.** The Board of Electricity may issue a citation for violations of sections 326.241 to 326.248, rules adopted under those sections, and ordinances of political subdivisions. The citation must be in a form as provided by subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Form of citation.** The Board of Electricity shall pursuant to chapter 14 prescribe the detailed form of an electrical violation citation and shall revise the citation as the board considers necessary and proper to keep the citation in conformity with the board's rules.

Subd. 3. **Political subdivision may alter ticket.** A political subdivision that has made provision for inspection of electrical installations within its jurisdiction under section 326.244, subdivision 4, may use or alter by deletion or addition the electrical violation citation adopted by the Board of Electricity under subdivision 2.

326.247 CONTINUITY.

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

326.40 LICENSING, BOND AND INSURANCE.

Subd. 4. **Alternative compliance.** Compliance with the local bond requirements of a locale within which work is to be performed shall be deemed to satisfy the bond and insurance requirements of subdivision 2, provided the local ordinance requires at least a \$25,000 bond.

326.41 ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The state commissioner of health shall appoint nine persons to the Advisory Council on Plumbing Code and Examinations, two of whom shall be master plumbers, one who represents greater Minnesota and one who represents the metropolitan area, and two journeyman plumbers, one who represents greater Minnesota and one who represents the metropolitan area. The council shall expire and the terms, compensation and removal of members of the council shall be as provided in section 15.059.

326.44 FEES PAID TO STATE GOVERNMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND.

All fees received under sections 326.37 to 326.45 shall be deposited by the state commissioner of health to the credit of the state government special revenue fund in the state treasury. The salaries of the necessary employees of the commissioner and the per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses and all incidental expenses of the commissioner in carrying out the provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45, shall be paid, from the appropriations made to the state commissioner of health, but no expense or claim shall be incurred or paid in excess of the amount received from the fees herein provided.

326.45 STATE LICENSE; EXAMINATION; APPLICATION.

The provisions of sections 326.37 to 326.45 which require state licenses to engage in the work or business of plumbing, and the provisions which provide for the examination of applicants for such licenses, shall only apply in cities having a population of 5,000 or more.

326.47 APPLICATION, PERMIT, FILING, AND INSPECTION FEES.

Subd. 5. **Reporting of permits issued.** Each municipality must submit to the Department of Labor and Industry a copy of each permit issued within ten days after issuance.

All permits must be issued on forms prescribed by or approved by the Department of Labor and Industry.

326.51 DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE LICENSES.

The department may revoke or suspend, for cause, any license obtained through error or fraud, or if the licensee is shown to be incompetent, or for a violation of any of its rules and regulations applicable to high pressure pipefitting work. The licensee shall have notice, in writing, enumerating the charges, and be entitled to a hearing on at least ten days' notice, with the right to produce testimony. The hearing shall be held pursuant to chapter 14. The commissioner

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shall issue a final order based on testimony and the record at hearing. One year from the date of revocation application may be made for a new license.

326.52 DEPOSIT OF FEES.

All fees received under sections 326.46 to 326.52 shall be deposited by the Department of Labor and Industry to the credit of the general fund in the state treasury. The salaries and per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses, and all incidental expenses of the department in carrying out the provisions of sections 326.46 to 326.52 shall be paid from the appropriations made to the Department of Labor and Industry. The commissioner by rule shall set the amount of the fees at a level that approximates, to the greatest extent possible, the salaries, per diem, and incidental expenses of the department.

326.521 VIOLATIONS; PENALTY PROVISIONS.

Unless otherwise specifically provided, any violation of any provision or requirement of sections 326.46 to 326.52 is a misdemeanor.

326.64 FEES DEPOSITED.

All fees received under sections 326.57 to 326.65 shall be deposited by the state commissioner of health to the credit of the general fund in the state treasury. The salaries of the necessary employees of the commissioner and the per diem of the inspectors and examiners hereinbefore provided, their expenses and the incidental expenses of the commissioner in carrying out the provisions of sections 326.57 to 326.65 shall be paid from the appropriations made to the state commissioner of health but no expense or claim shall be incurred or paid in excess of the amount received from the fees herein provided.

326.83 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce.

Subd. 4. **Council.** "Council" means the builders state advisory council.

Subd. 12. **Person.** "Person" means a natural person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or association, and the officers, directors, employees, or agents of that person.

Subd. 13. **Public member.** "Public member" means a person who is not, and never was, a residential building contractor, residential remodeler, residential roofer, or specialty contractor or the spouse of such person, or a person who has no, or never has had a, material financial interest in acting as a residential building contractor, residential remodeler, or specialty contractor or a directly related activity.

326.85 ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Builders Advisory Council.** The commissioner shall appoint eight persons to the Builders Advisory Council. At least three members of the council must reside in greater Minnesota, as defined in section 116O.02, subdivision 5. At least one member of the council must be a residential building contractor, one a residential remodeler, one a specialty contractor, one a representative of the commissioner, one a local building official, one a public member, and one a representative of organized labor designated by the AFL-CIO, this member shall not be subject to the membership term limits under section 15.059.

Subd. 2. **Membership terms.** The membership terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of the council are as provided in section 15.059.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The council shall advise the commissioner on matters related to sections 326.83 to 326.98.

Subd. 4. **Nonexpiration.** The council is not subject to the expiration provisions of section 15.059, subdivision 5.

326.875 NOTICE OF CHANGE.

Written notice must be given to the commissioner by each licensee of any change in personal name, trade name, qualifying person, address, or business location not later than 15

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business days after the change. The commissioner shall issue an amended license, if required, for the unexpired period.

326.91 DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

Subd. 2. **Administrative action.** Section 45.027 applies to any action taken by the commissioner in connection with the administration of sections 326.83 to 326.991.

Nothing in this section prevents the commissioner from denying, suspending, revoking, or restricting a license, or from censuring a licensee based on acts or omissions not specifically enumerated in this subdivision.

Subd. 3. **Certificate of exemption holders.** For cause shown under subdivision 1 or 2, the commissioner may deny, suspend, or revoke a certificate of exemption issued under section 326.84, subdivision 3, clause (5), in the same manner as a license.

Subd. 4. **Action against unlicensed persons.** Nothing in this section prevents the commissioner from taking actions, including cease and desist actions, against persons required to be licensed under sections 326.83 to 326.991, based on conduct that would provide grounds for administrative action against a licensee under this section.

326.945 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR AND REMODELER; BOND.

Subdivision 1. **License as of June 30, 1993; license bond.** A residential building contractor or remodeler licensed under section 326.84 who had a license in effect as of June 30, 1993, must, until the license is renewed, continuously maintain the license bond which was posted with the commissioner under section 326.94 when the person was initially licensed.

Subd. 2. **License on or after July 1, 1993; license bond.** A residential building contractor or remodeler who obtains a license on or after July 1, 1993, but before April 1, 1994, must post a license bond with the commissioner, conditioned that the applicant shall faithfully perform the duties and in all things comply with all laws, ordinances, and rules pertaining to the license or permit applied for and all contracts entered into, and must continuously maintain the license bond until the license is renewed. The required license bond must be in the following amount:

- (1) \$5,000 for a residential building contractor or remodeler with annual gross receipts of \$1,000,000 or less;
- (2) \$10,000 for a residential building contractor or remodeler with annual gross receipts of more than \$1,000,000 but less than \$5,000,000; or
- (3) \$15,000 for a residential building contractor or remodeler with annual gross receipts of \$5,000,000 or more.

Subd. 3. **Residential building contractors and remodelers; recovery fund fee prorated.** A residential building contractor or remodeler licensed under section 326.84, who does not maintain a license bond under section 326.94, shall pay a one-twelfth share of the contractor's recovery fund fee set in section 326.975, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), in lieu of the license bond for each month or any portion of a month the licensee is not bonded prior to license renewal.

326.975 CONTRACTOR'S RECOVERY FUND.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) In addition to any other fees, each applicant for a license under sections 326.83 to 326.98 shall pay a fee to the contractor's recovery fund. The contractor's recovery fund is created in the state treasury and must be administered by the commissioner in the manner and subject to all the requirements and limitations provided by section 82.43 with the following exceptions:

(1) each licensee who renews a license shall pay in addition to the appropriate renewal fee an additional fee which shall be credited to the contractor's recovery fund. The amount of the fee shall be based on the licensee's gross annual receipts for the licensee's most recent fiscal year preceding the renewal, on the following scale:

Fee	Gross Receipts
\$100	under \$1,000,000
\$150	\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000
\$200	over \$5,000,000

Any person who receives a new license shall pay a fee based on the same scale;

(2) the purpose of this fund is:

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(i) to compensate any aggrieved owner or lessee of residential property located within this state who obtains a final judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction against a licensee licensed under section 326.84, on grounds of fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest practices, conversion of funds, or failure of performance arising directly out of any transaction when the judgment debtor was licensed and performed any of the activities enumerated under section 326.83, subdivision 19, on the owner's residential property or on residential property rented by the lessee, or on new residential construction which was never occupied prior to purchase by the owner, or which was occupied by the licensee for less than one year prior to purchase by the owner, and which cause of action arose on or after April 1, 1994; and

(ii) to reimburse the Department of Commerce for all legal and administrative expenses, including staffing costs, incurred in administering the fund;

(3) nothing may obligate the fund for more than \$50,000 per claimant, nor more than \$75,000 per licensee; and

(4) nothing may obligate the fund for claims based on a cause of action that arose before the licensee paid the recovery fund fee set in clause (1), or as provided in section 326.945, subdivision 3.

(b) Should the commissioner pay from the contractor's recovery fund any amount in settlement of a claim or toward satisfaction of a judgment against a licensee, the license shall be automatically suspended upon the effective date of an order by the court authorizing payment from the fund. No licensee shall be granted reinstatement until the licensee has repaid in full, plus interest at the rate of 12 percent a year, twice the amount paid from the fund on the licensee's account, and has obtained a surety bond issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state in the amount of at least \$40,000.

Subd. 1a. **Limitation.** Nothing may obligate the fund for claims brought by:

(1) insurers or sureties under subrogation or similar theories; or

(2) owners of residential property where the contracting activity complained of was the result of a contract entered into with a prior owner, unless the claim is brought and judgment rendered for breach of the statutory warranty set forth in chapter 327A.

Subd. 1b. **Condominiums or townhouses.** For purposes of this section, the owner or lessee of a condominium or townhouse is considered an owner or lessee of residential property regardless of the number of residential units per building.

Subd. 2. **Accelerated claims payment.** Recovery fund claims that do not exceed the jurisdiction limits for conciliation court matters as specified in section 491A.01 shall be paid on an accelerated basis if all of the following requirements have been satisfied:

(a) When any aggrieved person obtains a judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction, regardless of whether the judgment has been discharged by a bankruptcy court against a residential building contractor or residential remodeler on grounds specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), the aggrieved person may file a verified application with the commissioner for payment out of the fund of the amount of actual and direct out-of-pocket loss in the transaction, but excluding any attorney fees, interest on the loss and on any judgment obtained as a result of the loss, up to the conciliation court jurisdiction limits, of the amount unpaid upon the judgment. For purposes of this section, persons who are joint tenants or tenants in common are deemed to be a single claimant.

(b) The commissioner has sent the licensee a copy of the verified application by first-class mail to the licensee's address as it appears in the records of the Department of Commerce with a notice that the claim will be paid 15 days from the date of the notice unless the licensee notifies the commissioner prior to that date of the commencement of an appeal of the judgment, if the time for appeal has not expired, and that payment of the claim will result in automatic suspension of the licensee's license.

(c) If the licensee does not notify the commissioner of the commencement of an appeal, the commissioner shall pay the claim at the end of the 15-day period.

(d) If an appeal is commenced, the payment of the claim is stayed until the conclusion of the appeal.

(e) The commissioner may pay claims which total no more than \$15,000 against the licensee under this accelerated process. The commissioner may prorate the amount of claims paid under this subdivision if claims in excess of \$15,000 against the licensee are submitted. Any unpaid portions of such claims shall be satisfied in the manner set forth in subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** Money in the contractor's recovery fund is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of this section.

326.98 RULES.

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The commissioner may adopt rules to administer and enforce sections 326.83 to 326.98.

327B.05 DENIAL, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

Subd. 2. **Denial; appeal; reconsideration.** The commissioner shall inform the applicant and summarize in writing the reasons for a denial. Within 15 days of receiving the commissioner's notice, the applicant may request in writing that the commissioner reconsider. The request for reconsideration shall explain why the commissioner's previous decision was wrong and shall specifically address each reason given by the commissioner for the denial. Within 20 days of receiving the request for reconsideration, the commissioner shall decide whether to withdraw the denial and grant a license. If the commissioner reaffirms the denial, the applicant may appeal in accordance with chapter 14. An applicant whose application is denied may also cure the defects in the application cited by the commissioner and resubmit the application at no extra charge.

Subd. 3. **License suspension or revocation; hearing.** Upon the commissioner's motion or upon the complaint of another, the commissioner may prepare and serve upon a licensee a written notice or complaint summarizing the violations charged, and requiring the licensee to appear at a specified time and place to show cause why the license should not be revoked. The hearing on the suspension or revocation shall be conducted pursuant to the contested case provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. Upon the completion of the hearing, if the commissioner finds the existence of any of the causes for suspension or revocation set forth in subdivision 1 and determines that the license should be revoked or suspended, the commissioner shall make a written order of revocation or suspension. A copy of the order shall be served upon the licensee in the manner provided by law for the service of summons in a civil action.

If the commissioner revokes or suspends the license of any person holding more than one license under the provisions of section 327B.04, subdivision 2, the commissioner shall revoke or suspend all of the licenses of that person and of the affiliates of that person.

Subd. 4. **Summary license suspension.** The commissioner may by order summarily suspend a license pending final determination of any order to show cause if necessary to prevent immediate and substantial public harm. If a license is suspended pending final determination of an order to show cause, a hearing on the merits shall be held within 30 days of the issuance of the order of suspension.

Subd. 5. **Penalties.** After having conducted the hearing provided for in subdivision 3, the commissioner may, in addition to or in lieu of revoking or suspending a license, order restitution to an injured consumer customer, or assess a penalty or penalties of not more than \$10,000 against any person who commits any act that is grounds for the suspension or revocation of a license under subdivision 1.

Subd. 6. **Appeals.** The contested case provisions of chapter 14 shall apply to appeals from any order by the commissioner denying, suspending or revoking a license, or assessing penalties.