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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to occupations and professions; regulating the practice of plumbing;
1.3 regulating work on medical gas systems; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[326B.438] MEDICAL GAS SYSTEMS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in
1.8 this subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.9 (b) "Level 1 medical piped gas and vacuum system" means a system serving
1.10 occupancies where interruption of the medical piped gas and vacuum system would place
1.11 patients in imminent danger of morbidity or mortality.

1.12 (c) "Level 2 medical piped gas and vacuum system" means a system serving
1.13 occupancies where interruption of the medical piped gas and vacuum system would place
1.14 patients at manageable risk of morbidity or mortality.

1.15 (d) "Level 3 medical piped gas and vacuum system" means a system serving
1.16 occupancies where interruption of the medical piped gas and vacuum system would
1.17 terminate procedures and may place the patient's health at risk, but would not place
1.18 patients at risk of morbidity or mortality.

1.19 (e) "Medical gas system" means a level 1, 2, or 3 piped medical gas and vacuum
1.20 system.

1.21 Subd. 2. **License required.** No person shall engage in the installation, maintenance,
1.22 or repair of a medical gas system unless the person possesses a current Minnesota
1.23 journeyman plumber's license and is certified by standards approved by the Minnesota
1.24 Plumbing Board.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** An employee of the employer with a medical gas system
2.2 may maintain the employer's medical gas system without complying with subdivision 2
2.3 if the employer employs a person holding current certification from the National Fire
2.4 Protection Association as of August 1, 2009, in medical gas system installation. A person
2.5 so certified by the National Fire Protection Association may maintain and repair an
2.6 employer's medical gas system.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, except that the
2.8 requirement that a journeyman plumber must be certified by the Minnesota Plumbing
2.9 Board is not effective until 180 days after the board adopts standards.