

**ELEVATORS****326B.163 DEFINITIONS; ELEVATORS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For the purposes of sections 326B.106 and 326B.163 to 326B.187, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings given them.

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

Subd. 3. **Automatic operation.** Automatic operation shall mean operation wherein the starting of the elevator car is effected in response to momentary actuation of operating devices at the landing or of operating devices in the car identified with the landings, or both, or in response to an automatic starting mechanism and wherein the car is stopped automatically at the landings.

Subd. 4. **Continuous pressure operation.** Continuous pressure operation shall mean operation by means of buttons or switches in the car and at the landing, any one of which may be used to control the movement of the car as long as the button or switch is manually maintained in the actuating position.

Subd. 5. **Elevator.** As used in this chapter, "elevator" means moving walks and vertical transportation devices such as escalators, passenger elevators, freight elevators, dumbwaiters, hand-powered elevators, endless belt lifts, and platform lifts. Elevator does not include external temporary material lifts or temporary construction personnel elevators at sites of construction of new or remodeled buildings.

Subd. 5a. **Platform lift.** As used in this chapter, "platform lift" means a powered hoisting and lowering device designed to transport mobility-impaired persons on a guided platform.

Subd. 6. **Municipality.** "Municipality," as used in sections 326B.163 to 326B.187, means a city, county, or town meeting the requirements of section 368.01, subdivision 1.

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

Subd. 8. **Elevator inspector.** "Elevator inspector" means an individual who meets the requirements established pursuant to section 326B.187, clause (1), who is performing elevator inspections for the department or a municipality authorized to perform such inspections.

Subd. 9. **Direct supervision.** "Direct supervision" means:

(1) an unlicensed individual is being directly supervised by an individual licensed to perform the elevator work being supervised during the entire time the unlicensed individual is performing elevator work;

(2) the licensed individual is physically present at the location where the unlicensed individual is performing elevator work and immediately available to the unlicensed individual at all times for assistance and direction;

(3) the licensed individual shall review the elevator work performed by the unlicensed individual before the elevator work is operated; and

(4) the licensed individual is able to and does determine that all elevator work performed by the unlicensed individual is performed in compliance with the elevator code.

Subd. 10. **Elevator contractor.** "Elevator contractor" means a licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a master elevator constructor. An elevator contractor license does not itself qualify its holder to perform or supervise elevator work authorized by holding a personal license issued by the commissioner.

Subd. 11. **Limited elevator contractor.** "Limited elevator contractor" means a licensed contractor whose responsible licensed individual is a limited master elevator constructor. A limited elevator contractor or its employees may only install, test, or alter residential elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose personnel elevators.

Subd. 12. **Limited elevator work.** "Limited elevator work" means the installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, testing, planning, or laying out of residential elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose personnel elevators as covered by Minnesota Rules, chapters 1307 and 1315. Limited elevator work

also includes electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and the decommissioning of elevator equipment to enable safe removal.

Subd. 13. **Elevator work.** "Elevator work" means the installing, maintaining, altering, repairing, testing, planning, or laying out of elevator apparatus or equipment as covered by Minnesota Rules, chapters 1307 and 1315. Elevator work also includes the disconnection of electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and the decommissioning of elevator equipment to enable safe removal.

Subd. 14. **Master elevator constructor.** "Master elevator constructor" means an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out, supervise, and perform the installation, maintenance, altering, testing, wiring, and repair of apparatus and equipment for elevators, including electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and who is licensed as a master elevator constructor by the commissioner.

Subd. 15. **Limited master elevator constructor.** "Limited master elevator constructor" means an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out, supervise, and perform the testing, altering, installation, maintenance, and repair of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for residential elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose personnel elevators, including wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and who is licensed as a limited master elevator constructor by the commissioner.

Subd. 16. **Limited journeyworker elevator constructor.** "Limited journeyworker elevator constructor" means an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to install, maintain, alter, test, and repair apparatus and equipment for residential elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose personnel elevators, including electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and who is licensed as a limited journeyworker elevator constructor by the commissioner.

Subd. 17. **Journeyworker elevator constructor.** "Journeyworker elevator constructor" means an individual having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to install, maintain, alter, test, and repair apparatus and equipment for elevators, including electrical wiring on the load side of the elevator equipment disconnect and who is licensed as a journeyworker elevator constructor by the commissioner.

Subd. 18. **Registered unlicensed elevator constructor.** "Registered unlicensed elevator constructor" means an individual who has registered with the department but is not licensed by the commissioner to perform elevator work.

Subd. 19. **Residential dwelling.** "Residential dwelling" is a single dwelling unit that is contained in a one-family, two-family, or multifamily dwelling. A residential dwelling also includes outdoor space at a one-family dwelling.

Subd. 20. **Responsible licensed individual.** "Responsible licensed individual" means an individual licensed as a master elevator constructor or limited master elevator constructor who is identified as the responsible licensed individual on an elevator contractor license application.

**History:** 1955 c 561 s 1; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1989 c 303 s 5,6; 1995 c 166 s 5,6,17; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 17-20, 61; art 13 s 4; 2009 c 76 s 1; 2010 c 282 s 1; 2013 c 85 art 2 s 10-21; 2017 c 68 art 1 s 26; 1Sp2017 c 7 s 8; 2023 c 53 art 11 s 46,47

**326B.164 LICENSES.**

Subdivision 1. **Master elevator constructor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no individual shall perform or supervise elevator work, unless:

(1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a master elevator constructor; and

(2) the elevator work is for a licensed elevator contractor and the individual is an employee, partner, or officer of, or is the licensed contractor.

(b) An applicant for a master elevator constructor license shall:

(1) have at least one year of experience, acceptable to the commissioner, as a licensed journeyworker elevator constructor; or

(2) have at least six years' experience, acceptable to the commissioner, in planning for, laying out, supervising, and installing apparatus, equipment, and wiring for elevators.

(c) Except for the initial license term, as a condition of license renewal, master elevator constructors must attain a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education credit approved by the commissioner every renewal period. Not less than 12 hours shall be based on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology, and not less than four hours shall be based on the National Electrical Code.

Subd. 2. **Limited master elevator constructor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no individual shall perform or supervise elevator work on residential elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose personnel elevators, unless:

(1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a limited master elevator constructor; and

(2) the elevator work is for a limited elevator contractor and the individual is an employee, partner, or officer of, or is the licensed contractor.

(b) An applicant for a limited master elevator constructor license shall have at least three years of experience, acceptable to the commissioner, in installing apparatus, equipment, and wiring for elevators.

(c) Except for the initial license term, as a condition of license renewal, limited master elevator constructors must attain a minimum of eight hours of continuing education credit approved by the commissioner every renewal period. Not less than six hours shall be based on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology, and not less than two hours on the National Electrical Code.

Subd. 3. **Journeyworker elevator constructor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no individual shall perform and supervise elevator work except for planning or laying out of elevator work, unless:

(1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a journeyworker elevator constructor; and

(2) the elevator work is for an elevator contractor, and the individual is an employee, partner, or officer of the licensed elevator contractor.

(b) An applicant for a journeyworker elevator constructor license shall have completed a four-year elevator mechanics apprenticeship registered with the United States Department of Labor or worked at least 9,000 hours in five consecutive years for a licensed elevator contractor, acceptable to the commissioner, installing, maintaining, modernizing, testing, wiring, and repairing elevators.

(c) As a condition of license renewal, journeyworker elevator constructors must attain a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education credit approved by the commissioner every renewal period. Not less than 12 hours shall be based on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology, and not less than four hours shall be based on the National Electrical Code.

**Subd. 4. Limited journeyworker elevator constructor.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no individual shall perform or supervise elevator work on residential elevators, platform lifts, stairway chairlifts, dumbwaiters, material lifts, limited use or limited application elevator equipment, conveyors, and special purpose personnel elevators, except for planning or laying out of elevator work, unless:

(1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a limited journeyworker elevator constructor; and

(2) the elevator work is for a limited elevator contractor or an elevator contractor, and the individual is an employee, partner, or officer of the licensed limited elevator contractor or licensed elevator contractor.

(b) An applicant for a limited journeyworker elevator constructor license shall have at least two years of experience, acceptable to the commissioner, in installing apparatus, equipment, and wiring for elevators.

(c) Except for the initial license term, as a condition of license renewal, limited journeyworker elevator constructors must attain a minimum of eight hours of continuing education credit approved by the commissioner every renewal period. Not less than six hours shall be based on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology, and not less than two hours on the National Electrical Code.

**Subd. 5. Registered unlicensed elevator constructor.** (a) An unlicensed individual shall not perform elevator work, unless the individual has first registered with the department as an unlicensed elevator constructor. Except as allowed by subdivision 12, a registered unlicensed elevator constructor shall not perform elevator work unless the work is performed under the direct supervision of an individual actually licensed to perform such work. The licensed elevator constructor and the registered unlicensed elevator constructor must be employed by the same employer. Unlicensed individuals shall not supervise the performance of elevator work or make assignments of elevator work to unlicensed individuals. Licensed elevator constructors shall provide direct supervision for no more than two registered unlicensed elevator constructors.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no individual other than a master elevator constructor or limited master elevator constructor shall plan or lay out elevator wiring, apparatus, or equipment.

(c) Contractors employing registered unlicensed elevator constructors performing elevator work shall maintain records establishing compliance with this subdivision that shall identify all unlicensed individuals performing elevator work and shall permit the department to examine and copy all such records.

(d) When a licensed elevator constructor supervises the elevator work of an unlicensed individual, the licensed elevator constructor is responsible for ensuring that the elevator work complies with this section and the Minnesota Elevator Code.

(e) A registered unlicensed elevator constructor with a minimum of one year experience may perform the following maintenance tasks for elevator equipment without being provided with direct supervision: oiling, cleaning, greasing, painting, relamping, and replacing of escalator and moving walk comb teeth.

**Subd. 6. Registration of unlicensed individuals.** (a) Unlicensed individuals performing elevator work for a contractor shall register with the department in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Experience credit for elevator work performed in Minnesota after January 1, 2009, by an applicant for a license identified

in this section shall not be granted where the applicant has not registered with the department or is not licensed by the department.

(b) As a condition of renewal of registration, unlicensed individuals shall attain a minimum of two hours of continuing education credit, approved by the commissioner, every renewal period. The continuing education course shall be based on the Minnesota Elevator Code or elevator technology.

**Subd. 7. Contractor's license required.** No individual, other than an employee, partner, or officer of a licensed contractor, as defined by section 326B.163, subdivision 10, shall perform or offer to perform elevator work with or without compensation, unless the individual obtains a contractor's license. A contractor's license does not of itself qualify its holder to perform or supervise the elevator work authorized by holding any class of personal license.

**Subd. 8. Bond required.** As a condition of licensing, each contractor shall give and maintain bond to the state in the penal sum of \$25,000. The bond must comply with section 326B.0921.

**Subd. 9. Insurance required.** Each elevator contractor shall have and maintain in effect general liability insurance, which includes premises and operations insurance and products and completed operations insurance, with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence, \$300,000 aggregate limit for bodily injury, and property damage insurance with limits of at least \$50,000, or a policy with a single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$300,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 aggregate limits. The insurance shall be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota, and each contractor shall maintain on file with the commissioner a certificate evidencing such insurance. In the event of a policy cancellation, the insurer shall send written notice to the commissioner at the same time that a cancellation request is received from or a notice is sent to the insured.

**Subd. 10. Employment of responsible individual.** (a) Each elevator contractor must designate a responsible master elevator constructor or limited master elevator constructor who shall be the responsible individual for the performance of all elevator work in accordance with the requirements of sections 326B.163 to 326B.191, all rules adopted under these sections, and all orders issued under section 326B.082. The classes of work that a licensed contractor is authorized to perform shall be limited to the classes of work that the responsible individual is allowed to perform.

(b) When a contractor's license is held by an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, and the individual, proprietor, one of the partners, one of the members, or an officer of the corporation, respectively, is not the responsible master elevator constructor or limited master elevator constructor, all elevator permits shall be submitted by the responsible master elevator constructor or limited master elevator constructor. If the contractor is an individual or a sole proprietorship, the responsible master or limited master elevator constructor must be the individual, proprietor, or managing employee. If the contractor is a partnership, the responsible master or limited master elevator constructor must be a general partner or managing employee. If the licensed contractor is a limited liability company, the responsible master or limited master elevator constructor must be a chief manager or managing employee. If the contractor is a corporation, the responsible master or limited master elevator constructor must be an officer or managing employee. If the responsible master or limited master elevator constructor is a managing employee, the responsible individual must be actively engaged in performing elevator work on behalf of the contractor and cannot be employed in any capacity performing elevator work for any other elevator contractor or employer. An individual may be the responsible individual for only one contractor.

(c) All applications and renewals for contractor licenses shall include a verified statement that the applicant and responsible individual are in compliance with this subdivision.

Subd. 11. **Examination.** In addition to the other requirements described in this section and sections 326B.091 to 326B.098, as a precondition to issuance of a personal license, each applicant must pass a written or oral examination developed and administered by the commissioner to ensure the competence of each applicant for license. An oral examination shall be administered only to an applicant who furnishes a written statement from a certified teacher or other professional, trained in the area of reading disabilities, stating that the applicant has a specific reading disability that would prevent the applicant from performing satisfactorily on a written test. The oral examination shall be structured so that an applicant who passes the examination will not impair the applicant's own safety or that of others while acting as a licensed individual.

Subd. 12. **License, registration, and renewal fees; expiration.** (a) Unless revoked or suspended under this chapter, all licenses issued or renewed under this section expire on the following schedule:

- (1) master licenses expire March 1 of each odd-numbered year after issuance or renewal;
- (2) elevator contractor licenses expire March 1 of each even-numbered year after issuance or renewal;
- (3) journeyworker elevator constructor licenses expire two years from the date of original issuance and every two years thereafter; and
- (4) registrations of unlicensed individuals expire one year from the date of original issuance and every year thereafter.

(b) For purposes of calculating license fees and renewal license fees required under section 326B.092:

- (1) the registration of an unlicensed individual under subdivision 5 shall be considered an entry-level license;
- (2) the journeyworker elevator constructor and the limited journeyworker elevator constructor shall be considered a journeyworker license;
- (3) the master elevator constructor and limited master elevator constructor licenses shall be considered master licenses; and
- (4) an elevator contractor license shall be considered a business license.

Subd. 13. **Exemption from licensing.** (a) Employees of a licensed elevator contractor or licensed limited elevator contractor are not required to hold or obtain a license under this section or be provided with direct supervision by a licensed master elevator constructor, licensed limited master elevator constructor, licensed elevator constructor, or licensed limited elevator constructor to install, maintain, or repair platform lifts and stairway chairlifts. Unlicensed employees performing elevator work under this exemption must comply with subdivision 5. This exemption does not include the installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of electrical wiring for elevator equipment.

(b) Contractors or individuals shall not be required to hold or obtain a license under this section when performing work on:

- (1) conveyors, excluding vertical reciprocating conveyors;
- (2) platform lifts not covered under section 326B.163, subdivision 5a; or
- (3) dock levelers.

Subd. 14. **Reciprocity.** (a) The commissioner may enter into reciprocity agreements for personal licenses with another state and issue a personal license without requiring the applicant to pass an examination provided the applicant:

- (1) submits an application under this section;
- (2) pays the application and examination fee and license fee required under section 326B.092; and
- (3) holds a valid comparable license in the state participating in the agreement.

(b) Reciprocity agreements are subject to the following:

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

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

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

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

(5) an applicant is not eligible for a license under this subdivision if the applicant has failed the same or greater class of license examination in Minnesota, or if the applicant's license of the same or greater class has been revoked or suspended; and

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

**History:** 2013 c 85 art 2 s 22; 2015 c 54 art 1 s 8; 2017 c 68 art 1 s 7-10,26; 1Sp2017 c 7 s 8; 2023 c 53 art 11 s 48

### **326B.166 ELEVATOR INSPECTION AND REPORTING.**

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

- (a) the location of each elevator;
- (b) the type of each elevator; and
- (c) the date the elevator was installed.

Subd. 4. **Definition.** As used in this section, "elevator" is as defined in section 326B.163, subdivision 5.

**History:** 1989 c 303 s 4; 1995 c 166 s 17; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 21,61; art 13 s 4

**326B.169** [Repealed, 2015 c 54 art 5 s 16]

### **326B.172 LICENSING AUTHORITIES.**

Any municipality may by ordinance establish a licensing authority with jurisdiction over all passenger and freight elevators within such municipality, fix the initial and renewal fee for, and the period of duration of, licenses to operate such elevators, and setting forth the requirements for applicants for and the terms and conditions of licenses to operate such elevators.

**History:** 1955 c 561 s 2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1995 c 166 s 7,17; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 61; art 13 s 4

### **326B.175 ELEVATORS, ENTRANCES SEALED.**

Except as provided in section 326B.188, it shall be the duty of the department and the licensing authority of any municipality which adopts any such ordinance whenever it finds any such elevator under its jurisdiction in use in violation of any provision of sections 326B.163 to 326B.178 to seal the entrances of such elevator and attach a notice forbidding the use of such elevator until the provisions thereof are complied with.

**History:** 1955 c 561 s 3; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1995 c 166 s 8,17; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 22, 61; art 13 s 4; 2011 c 26 s 1

### **326B.178 VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES.**

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

Subd. 2. **False certification.** No inspector, or other party authorized by this section or by rule to inspect elevators, may falsely certify the safety of an elevator, or grant a license or permit contrary to any provision of this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Minimum requirements.** No person, firm, or corporation may construct, install, alter, remove, or repair an elevator that does not meet the minimum requirements of this chapter, adopted rules, or national codes adopted by rule. Notwithstanding any provision of rule or national code adopted by rule to the contrary,

however, a stairway chair lift that is not hardwired to the building's electrical system, but is instead plugged into an electrical outlet, may be installed in a private residence for the use of its occupants.

Subd. 4. **Penalties.** The commissioner shall administer sections 326B.163 to 326B.191. In addition to the remedies provided for violations of this chapter, the commissioner may impose a penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of any provision of sections 326B.163 to 326B.191.

**History:** 1955 c 561 s 4; Ex1967 c 1 s 6; 1989 c 303 s 7; 1995 c 166 s 9-11,17; 1999 c 185 s 2; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 23,24,61; art 13 s 4

**326B.181** [Repealed, 2015 c 54 art 5 s 16]

### **326B.184 FEES FOR LICENSURE AND PERMIT.**

Subdivision 1. **Permits.** No person may construct, install, alter, repair, or remove an elevator without first filing an application for a permit with the department or a municipality authorized by subdivision 4 to inspect elevators. A permit issued by the department is valid for work commenced within 12 months of application and completed within two years of application. Where no work is commenced within 12 months of application, an applicant may cancel the permit and request a refund of inspection fees.

Subd. 1a. **Department permit and inspection fees.** (a) The department permit and inspection fees to construct, install, alter, repair, or remove an elevator are as follows:

(1) the permit fee is \$100;

(2) the inspection fee is 0.015 of the total cost of the permitted work for labor and materials, including related electrical and mechanical equipment. The inspection fee covers two inspections. The inspection fee for additional inspections is \$80 per hour;

(3) when inspections scheduled by the permit submitter are not able to be completed because the work is not complete, a fee equal to two hours at the hourly rate of \$80 must be paid by the permit submitter; and

(4) when the owner or permit holder requests inspections be performed outside of normal work hours or on weekends or holidays, an hourly rate of \$120 in addition to the inspection fee must be paid.

(b) The department fees for inspection of existing elevators when requested by the elevator owner or as a result of an accident resulting in personal injury are at an hourly rate of \$80 during normal work hours or \$120 outside of normal work hours or on weekends or holidays, with a one-hour minimum.

Subd. 2. **Operating permits and fees; periodic inspections.** (a) No person may operate an elevator without first obtaining an annual operating permit from the department or a municipality authorized by subdivision 4 to issue annual operating permits. A \$100 annual operating permit fee must be paid to the department for each annual operating permit issued by the department, except that the original annual operating permit must be included in the permit fee for the initial installation of the elevator. Annual operating permits must be issued at 12-month intervals from the date of the initial annual operating permit. For each subsequent year, an owner must be granted an annual operating permit for the elevator upon the owner's or owner's agent's submission of a form prescribed by the commissioner and payment of the \$100 fee. Each form must include the location of the elevator, the results of any periodic test required by the code, and any other criteria established by rule. An annual operating permit may be revoked by the commissioner upon an audit of the periodic testing results submitted with the application or a failure to comply with elevator code requirements, inspections, or any other law related to elevators. Except for an initial operating permit

fee, elevators in residential dwellings, hand-powered manlifts and electric endless belt manlifts, and vertical reciprocating conveyors are not subject to a subsequent operating permit fee.

(b) All elevators are subject to periodic inspections by the department or a municipality authorized by subdivision 4 to perform periodic inspections, except that hand-powered manlifts and electric endless belt manlifts are exempt from periodic inspections. Periodic inspections by the department shall be performed at the following intervals:

- (1) a special purpose personnel elevator is subject to inspection not more than once every five years;
- (2) an elevator located within a house of worship that does not have attached school facilities is subject to inspection not more than once every three years; and
- (3) all other elevators are subject to inspection not more than once each year.

Subd. 3. **Contractor licenses.** The commissioner may establish criteria for the qualifications of elevator contractors and issue licenses based upon proof of the applicant's qualifications.

Subd. 4. **Permissive municipal regulation.** A municipality may conduct a system of elevator inspection in conformity with this chapter, State Building Code requirements, and adopted rules that includes the inspection of elevator installation, repair, alteration, and removal, construction, routine and periodic inspection and testing of existing elevators, and the issuance of annual operating permits. The municipality shall employ inspectors meeting the minimum requirements established by Minnesota Rules to perform the inspections and to witness the tests. A municipality may establish and retain its own fees for inspection of elevators and related devices in its jurisdiction. A municipality may establish and retain its own fees for issuance of annual operating permits for elevators in its jurisdiction. A municipality may not adopt standards that do not conform to the uniform standards prescribed by the department.

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

**History:** 1989 c 303 s 8; 1995 c 166 s 12,13,17; 1997 c 206 s 9; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 25,61; art 13 s 4; 2010 c 282 s 2; 2013 c 85 art 2 s 23-25; 2015 c 54 art 1 s 9

### **326B.187 RULES.**

The commissioner may adopt rules for the following purposes:

- (1) to establish minimum qualifications for elevator inspectors that must include possession of a current elevator constructor license issued by the department and proof of successful completion of the national elevator industry education program examination or equivalent experience;
- (2) to establish minimum qualifications for limited elevator inspectors;
- (3) to establish criteria for the qualifications of elevator contractors;
- (4) to establish elevator standards under sections 326B.106, subdivisions 1 and 3, and 326B.13;
- (5) to establish procedures for appeals of decisions of the commissioner under chapter 14 and procedures allowing the commissioner, before issuing a decision, to seek advice from the elevator trade, building owners or managers, and others knowledgeable in the installation, construction, and repair of elevators; and

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

**History:** 1989 c 303 s 9; 1995 c 166 s 14,17; 1996 c 305 art 3 s 1; 1999 c 250 art 3 s 3; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 26,61; art 13 s 4; 2013 c 85 art 2 s 26

**326B.188 TIMELINE AND EXEMPTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ELEVATOR CODE CHANGES AFFECTING EXISTING ELEVATORS AND RELATED DEVICES.**

(a) This section applies to code requirements for existing elevators and related devices under Minnesota Rules, chapter 1307, where the deadline set by law for meeting the code requirements is January 29, 2012, or later.

(b) If the department or municipality conducting elevator inspections within its jurisdiction notified the owner of an existing elevator or related device of the code requirements before August 1, 2011, the owner may submit a compliance plan by December 30, 2011. If the department or municipality did not notify the owner of an existing elevator or related device of the code requirements before August 1, 2011, the department or municipality shall notify the owner of the code requirements and permit the owner to submit a compliance plan by December 30, 2011, or within 60 days after the date of notification, whichever is later.

(c) Any compliance plan submitted under this section shall result in compliance with the code requirements by the later of January 29, 2012, or three years after submission of the compliance plan. Elevators and related devices that are not in compliance with the code requirements by the later of January 29, 2012, or three years after the submission of the compliance plan may be taken out of service as provided in section 326B.175.

(d) When approved by the local building official, an elevator is not required to comply with the code requirements described in paragraph (a) for phase I and II operation if the elevator was installed prior to January 27, 2007, in a residential condominium property having five or fewer floors not including the basement.

**History:** 2011 c 26 s 2; 2015 c 54 art 1 s 10

**326B.191 CONFLICT OF LAWS.**

Nothing in sections 326B.163 to 326B.191 supersedes the Minnesota Electrical Act in this chapter.

**History:** 1995 c 166 s 15,17; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 61; art 13 s 4; 2010 c 280 s 21