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include an appropriate number of spaces suitable for the parking of motor vehicles having a capacity of seven to 16 persons and which are principally used to provide prearranged commuter transportation of employees to or from their place of employment or to or from a transit stop authorized by a local transit authority.

- (b) **Smoke detection devices.** The code must require that all dwellings, lodging houses, apartment houses, and hotels as defined in section 299F.362 comply with the provisions of section 299F.362.
- (c) **Doors in nursing homes and hospitals.** The State Building Code may not require that each door entering a sleeping or patient's room from a corridor in a nursing home or hospital with an approved complete standard automatic fire extinguishing system be constructed or maintained as self-closing or automatically closing.
- (d) Child care facilities in churches; ground level exit. A licensed day care center serving fewer than 30 preschool age persons and which is located in a belowground space in a church building is exempt from the State Building Code requirement for a ground level exit when the center has more than two stairways to the ground level and its exit.
- (e) **Family and group family day care.** Until the legislature enacts legislation specifying appropriate standards, the definition of dwellings constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code as adopted as part of the State Building Code applies to family and group family day care homes licensed by the Department of Human Services under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502.
- (f) **Enclosed stairways.** No provision of the code or any appendix chapter of the code may require stairways of existing multiple dwelling buildings of two stories or less to be enclosed.
- (g) **Double cylinder dead bolt locks.** No provision of the code or appendix chapter of the code may prohibit double cylinder dead bolt locks in existing single-family homes, townhouses, and first floor duplexes used exclusively as a residential dwelling. Any recommendation or promotion of double cylinder dead bolt locks must include a warning about their potential fire danger and procedures to minimize the danger.
- (h) **Relocated residential buildings.** A residential building relocated within or into a political subdivision of the state need not comply with the State Energy Code or section 326B.439 provided that, where available, an energy audit is conducted on the relocated building.

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

- (j) Exterior wood decks, patios, and balconies. The code must permit the decking surface and upper portions of exterior wood decks, patios, and balconies to be constructed of (1) heartwood from species of wood having natural resistance to decay or termites, including redwood and cedars, (2) grades of lumber which contain sapwood from species of wood having natural resistance to decay or termites, including redwood and cedars, or (3) treated wood. The species and grades of wood products used to construct the decking surface and upper portions of exterior decks, patios, and balconies must be made available to the building official on request before final construction approval.
- (k) **Bioprocess piping and equipment.** No permit fee for bioprocess piping may be imposed by municipalities under the State Building Code, except as required under section 326B.92 subdivision 1. Permits for bioprocess piping shall be according to section 326B.92 administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. All data regarding the material production processes, including the bioprocess system's structural design and layout, are nonpublic data as provided by section 13.7911.
- (l) Use of ungraded lumber. The code must allow the use of ungraded lumber in geographic areas of the state where the code did not generally apply as of April 1, 2008, to the same extent that ungraded lumber could be used in that area before April 1, 2008.
- (m) Window cleaning safety. The code must require the installation of dedicated anchorages for the purpose of suspended window cleaning on (1) new buildings four stories or greater; and (2) buildings four stories or greater, only on those areas undergoing reconstruction, alteration, or repair that includes the exposure of primary structural components of the roof The code shall incorporate by reference nationally recognized safety standards for window cleaning developed by the International Window Cleaning Association (IWCA) and approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Such standards shall require that window cleaning safety features be provided for all windows on:
 - (1) new buildings where determined by the standard; and
- 3.30 (2) existing buildings undergoing alterations where both of the following conditions are
 3.31 met:
 - (i) the windows do not currently have safe window cleaning features; and
- 3.33 (ii) the proposed work area being altered can include provisions for safe window cleaning.

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The commissioner may waive all or a portion of the requirements of this paragraph related to reconstruction, alteration, or repair, if the installation of dedicated anchorages would not result in significant safety improvements due to limits on the size of the project, or other factors as determined by the commissioner.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 326B.153, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Building permits.** (a) Fees for building permits submitted as required in section 326B.107 include:
- (1) the fee as set forth in the fee schedule in paragraph (b) or as adopted by a municipality;and
- 4.11 (2) the surcharge required by section 326B.148.
- 4.12 (b) The total valuation and fee schedule is:
- 4.13 (1) \$1 to \$500, \$29.50 \$21;

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- 4.14 (2) \$501 to \$2,000, \$28 \$21 for the first \$500 plus \$3.70 \$2.75 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000;
- 4.16 (3) \$2,001 to \$25,000, \$83.50 \$62.25 for the first \$2,000 plus \$16.55 \$12.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000;
- 4.18 (4) \$25,001 to \$50,000, \$464.15 \$349.75 for the first \$25,000 plus \$12 \$9 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000;
- 4.20 (5) \$50,001 to \$100,000, \$764.15 \$574.75 for the first \$50,000 plus \$8.45 \$6.25 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000;
- 4.22 (6) \$100,001 to \$500,000, \$1,186.65 \$887.25 for the first \$100,000 plus \$6.75 \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000;
- 4.24 (7) \$500,001 to \$1,000,000, \$3,886.65 \$2,887.25 for the first \$500,000 plus \$5.50 \$4.25 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000; and
- 4.26 (8) \$1,000,001 and up, \$\frac{\$6,636.65}{.5012.25}\$ for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$\frac{\$4.50}{.500}\$ \$\frac{\$2.75}{.500}\$ for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
- 4.28 (c) Other inspections and fees are:
- 4.29 (1) inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge two hours), \$63.254.30 per hour;

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- 5.2 (3) inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge one-half hour), \$63.25 per hour; and
- (4) additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans
 (minimum charge one-half hour), \$63.25 per hour.
- (d) If the actual hourly cost to the jurisdiction under paragraph (c) is greater than \$63.25,
 then the greater rate shall be paid. Hourly cost includes supervision, overhead, equipment,
 hourly wages, and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

5.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from October 1, 2021.

- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 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 wheelchair platform lifts. Elevator does not include external temporary material lifts or temporary construction personnel elevators at sites of construction of new or remodeled buildings.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- 5.18 Subd. 5a. Platform lift. As used in this chapter, "platform lift" means a powered hoisting
 5.19 and lowering device designed to transport mobility-impaired persons on a guided platform.
- Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.164, subdivision 13, is amended to read:
 - 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, including vertical reciprocating conveyors;

(2) platform lifts not covered under section 326B.163, subdivision 5a; or

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- Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.36, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- Subd. 7. **Exemptions from inspections.** Installations, materials, or equipment shall not be subject to inspection under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399:
 - (1) when owned or leased, operated and maintained by any employer whose maintenance electricians are exempt from licensing under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399, while performing electrical maintenance work only as defined by rule;
 - (2) when owned or leased, and operated and maintained by any electrical, communications, or railway utility, cable communications company as defined in section 238.02, or telephone company as defined under section 237.01, in the exercise of its utility, antenna, or telephone function; and
 - (i) are used exclusively for the generations, transformation, distribution, transmission, load control, or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of intelligence, and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable communications company, or telephone company; and
 - (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction; and
 - (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for communication systems;
 - (3) when used in the street lighting operations of an electrical utility;
 - (4) when used as outdoor area lights which are owned and operated by an electrical utility and which are connected directly to its distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles, and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under its control or direction;
 - (5) when the installation, material, and equipment are in facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the federal Mine Safety and Health Act; or
- 6.29 (6) when the installation, material, and equipment is part of an elevator installation for 6.30 which the elevator contractor, licensed under section 326B.164, is required to obtain a permit 6.31 from the authority having jurisdiction as provided by section 326B.184, and the inspection 6.32 has been or will be performed by an elevator inspector certified and licensed by the

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7.1	department. This exemption shall apply only to installations, material, and equipment
7.2	permitted or required to be connected on the load side of the disconnecting means required
7.3	for elevator equipment under National Electrical Code Article 620, and elevator
7.4	communications and alarm systems within the machine room, car, hoistway, or elevator
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7.6	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.36, is amended by adding a subdivision to
7.7	read:
7.8	Subd. 8. Electric utility exemptions; additional requirements. For exemptions to
7.9	inspections exclusively for load control allowed for electrical utilities under subdivision 7,
7.10	clause (2), item (i), the following requirements apply:
7.11	(1) the exempted work must be conducted by a Class A electrical contractor. If a
7.12	deficiency or code violation is found when conducting such work, the electrical contractor
7.13	or other designee must report the deficiency or code violation to the electric utility; and
7.14	(2) the electric utility must, within ten calendar days of discovering the need for repair,
7.15	inform the owner:
7.16	(i) of the location of the materials or equipment that need repair;
7.17	(ii) that a permit is required for the work; and
7.18	(iii) of a time frame for the repair to be complete, not to exceed six months, after which
7.19	time the utility must disconnect the materials or equipment.
7.20	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.42, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:
7.21	Subd. 1b. Backflow prevention rebuilder. (a) A "backflow prevention rebuilder" is an
7.22	individual who is qualified by training prescribed by the Plumbing Board and possesses a
7.23	master or journeyworker plumber's license to engage in the testing, maintenance, and
7.24	rebuilding of reduced pressure zone type backflow prevention assemblies as regulated by
7.25	the Plumbing Code.
7.26	(b) For the purposes of this section and section 326B.437, a backflow prevention rebuilder
7.27	who is qualified by training prescribed by the Plumbing Board and engages in rebuilding
7.28	of backflow prevention assemblies limited to systems used to apply water to soil and plant
7.29	materials or provide water to landscape features is exempt from the licensing requirements
7.30	of paragraph (a). Nothing in this paragraph allows an employee or delegate of the backflow
7.31	prevention rebuilder or tester to engage in the testing, maintenance, and rebuilding of
7.32	backflow prevention assemblies as regulated by the Plumbing Code, unless the employee

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or delegate has the requisite backflow prevention tester or rebuilder training prescribed by the Plumbing Board.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.42, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

Subd. 1c. **Backflow prevention tester.** A "backflow prevention tester" is an individual who is qualified by training prescribed by the Plumbing Board to engage in the testing of reduced pressure zone type backflow prevention assemblies as regulated by the Plumbing Code.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.437, is amended to read:

326B.437 REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW PREVENTION REBUILDERS AND TESTERS.

- (a) No person shall perform or offer to perform the installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement, or rebuilding of reduced pressure zone of backflow prevention assemblies unless the person obtains a plumbing contractor's license. An individual shall not engage in the testing, maintenance, repair, or rebuilding of reduced pressure zone backflow prevention assemblies, as regulated by the Plumbing Code, unless the individual is certified by the commissioner as a backflow prevention rebuilder.
- (b) An individual shall not engage in testing of a reduced pressure zone backflow prevention assembly, as regulated by the Plumbing Code, unless the individual possesses a backflow prevention rebuilder certificate or is certified by the commissioner as a backflow prevention tester.
- (c) Certificates are issued for an initial period of two years and must be renewed every two years thereafter for as long as the certificate holder installs, maintains, repairs, rebuilds, or tests reduced pressure zone backflow prevention assemblies. For purposes of calculating fees under section 326B.092, an initial or renewed backflow prevention rebuilder or tester certificate shall be considered an entry level license.
- (d) The Plumbing Board shall adopt expedited rules under section 14.389 that are related to the certification of backflow prevention rebuilders and backflow prevention testers.

 Section 326B.13, subdivision 8, does not apply to these rules. Notwithstanding the 18-month limitation under section 14.125, this authority expires on December 31, 2014.
- (e) The department shall recognize certification programs that are a minimum of 16 contact hours and include the passage of an examination. The examination must consist of

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a practical and a written component. This paragraph expires when the Plumbing Board adopts rules under paragraph (d).

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.46, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

- Subd. 2. **Bond; insurance.** (a) The bond and insurance requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) apply to each person who performs or offers to perform plumbing work within the state, including any person who offers to perform or performs sewer or water service installation or backflow prevention testing or rebuilding as described under subdivision 1b, paragraph (b), without a contractor's license. If the person performs or offers to perform any plumbing work other than sewer or water service installation or backflow prevention testing or rebuilding as described under subdivision 1b, paragraph (b), then the person must meet the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) as a condition of holding a contractor's license.
- (b) Each person who performs or offers to perform plumbing work within the state shall give and maintain bond to the state in the penal sum of at least \$25,000 for (1) all plumbing work entered into within the state or (2) all plumbing work and subsurface sewage treatment work entered into within the state. The bond must comply with section 326B.0921. If the bond is for both plumbing work and subsurface sewage treatment work, the bond must comply with the requirements of this section and section 115.56, subdivision 2, paragraph (e).
- (c) Each person who performs or offers to perform plumbing work within the state shall have and maintain in effect public liability insurance, including products liability insurance with limits of at least \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and property damage insurance with limits of at least \$10,000. The insurance shall be written by an insurer licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota. Each person who performs or offers to perform plumbing work within the state shall maintain on file with the commissioner a certificate evidencing the 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.
- 9.29 Sec. 12. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 3, section 14, subdivision 1, 9.30 is amended to read:
 - Subdivision 1. **License required.** (a) No individual shall engage in or work at the business of a master plumber, restricted master plumber, journeyworker plumber, and restricted journeyworker plumber unless licensed to do so by the commissioner. A license is not

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required for individuals performing building sewer or water service installation who have completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner. A license is not required for individuals servicing or installing a commercial chemical dispensing system or servicing or replacing a commercial dishwashing machine, including connecting a commercial chemical dispensing system or commercial dishwashing machine to a water line or drain line, provided that:

- (1) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine is an employee of the manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or commercial dishwashing machine;
- (2) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine has a minimum of 25 hours of classroom or laboratory training, a minimum of 20 hours of in-field training with a qualified technician on the types of systems being installed, followed by a minimum of 100 hours of supervised field experience. The training and experience curriculum required under this clause must be approved by the commissioner, in consultation with the manufacturer or distributor, but the commissioner shall not require training or experience hours in excess of the amounts specified in this clause;
- (3) the manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or commercial dishwashing machine must meet the insurance requirements of section 326B.46, subdivision 2, paragraph (c);
- (4) the connection is a push fit fitting, compression fitting, or threaded pipe fitting to an existing water line or drain, which has been initially installed by a licensed plumber; and
- (5) the commercial chemical dispensing system complies with ASSE 1055 or contains code-approved integral backflow protection.
- A license is not required for individuals performing backflow prevention rebuilding as described under subdivision 1b, paragraph (b), provided that the individual: (1) has completed backflow prevention rebuilder training as prescribed by the Plumbing Board; and (2) has obtained a nationally recognized third-party accredited professional irrigation certification and any such professional certifications have been approved by the commissioner.
 - A master plumber may also work as a journeyworker plumber, a restricted journeyworker plumber, and a restricted master plumber. A journeyworker plumber may also work as a restricted journeyworker plumber. Anyone not so licensed may do plumbing work which complies with the provisions of the minimum standards prescribed by the Plumbing Board

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on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by the worker as a residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

- (b) No person shall engage in the business of planning, superintending, or installing plumbing or shall install plumbing in connection with the dealing in and selling of plumbing material and supplies unless at all times a licensed master plumber, or in cities and towns with a population of fewer than 5,000 according to the last federal census, a restricted master plumber, who shall be responsible for proper installation, is in charge of the plumbing work of the person.
- (c) Except as provided in subdivision 1a, no person shall perform or offer to perform 11.10 plumbing work with or without compensation unless the person obtains a contractor's license. A contractor's license does not of itself qualify its holder to perform the plumbing work 11.11 authorized by holding a master, journeyworker, restricted master, or restricted journeyworker 11.12 license. 11.13

Sec. 13. LAWS CHAPTER 32 EFFECTIVE DATE.

- Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, Laws 2022, chapter 32, articles 1 and 2, 11.15 sections 1 to 12, are effective the day following final enactment, and Laws 2022, chapter 11.16 32, article 1, section 1, applies to appointments made on or after that date." 11.17
- 11.18 Amend the title accordingly

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