

CHAPTER 466—S.F.No.1966

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An act relating to buildings and facilities; providing that plans and specifications for construction or remodeling of certain buildings and facilities provide for accessibility and usability for physically handicapped and aged persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [471.465] MUNICIPALITIES; PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, BUILDING REGULATIONS; DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this act, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Buildings and facilities" means any and all buildings and facilities and the grounds appurtenant thereto within a city, village and borough other than single and two family dwellings.

Subd. 3. "Physically handicapped" means and includes sight disabilities, hearing disabilities, disabilities of incoordination, disabilities of aging, and any other disability that significantly reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination, or perceptiveness.

Subd. 4. "Remodeling" means deliberate reconstruction of an existing building or facility in whole or in part in order to bring it up to date to conform with present uses of the structure and to conform with rules and regulations on the upgrading of health and safety aspects of structures.

Subd. 5. "Local authority" means the local authority having jurisdiction over local building construction.

Sec. 2. [471.466] ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT. The duty and power to administer and enforce this act is conferred upon and vested in the local authority.

Sec. 3. [471.467] SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS; CONFORMITY. Subdivision 1. The specifications and standards to be applied to all buildings and facilities shall include those promulgated by the Minnesota state fire marshal entitled, "Rules and Regulations Relating to Public Buildings: Providing Accessibility and Usability Features for Physically Handicapped Persons Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 73.57 et seq, as Amended, October 16, 1969, as Amended."

Subd. 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require the remodeling of buildings solely to provide accessibility and usability to the physically handicapped when remodeling would not otherwise be undertaken.

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Subd. 3. When any building or facility covered by this act undergoes remodeling either in whole or in part, that portion of the building or facility remodeled shall conform to the requirements of this act.

Sec. 4. [471.468] **BUILDING PLANS; APPROVAL; EXCEPTIONS.** Construction or remodeling shall not hereafter be commenced of any building or facility until the plans and specifications of the building or facility have been reviewed and approved by the local authority. In cases of practical difficulty, unnecessary hardship, or extreme differences, the local authority may grant exceptions from the literal requirements of this act, or permit the use of other methods or materials, but only when it is clearly evident that equivalent facilitations and protection are thereby secured. Such waivers or exceptions shall be in writing. The provisions of this act are applicable only to contracts awarded subsequent to its effective date.

Sec. 5. [471.469] **ELEVATORS IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS.** Nothing herein shall be construed to require elevators in apartment buildings.

Approved May 21, 1971.

CHAPTER 467—S.F.No.2262

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the city of New Prague to add two additional members to its water, light, power and building commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **NEW PRAGUE, CITY OF; WATER, LIGHT, POWER AND BUILDING COMMISSION.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 453.02, the city of New Prague, by resolution of its governing body, may add two additional members to its water, light, power, and building commission. One of said two additional members may be chosen from the governing body of the city of New Prague, and the terms of office of said additional members shall be fixed by the said governing body, but the terms of office shall not extend beyond the time that they hold office as a member of such governing body. Such additional members, when appointed, shall have the same powers and duties as other members of the commission. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the governing body of the city of New Prague.

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