

Sec. 2. PURCHASE OF PRIOR SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES POLICE AND FIRE FUND. Any person who becomes a member of the public employees police and fire fund pursuant to section 1 may purchase prior service credit in the fund for service prior to the effective date of this act as a full-time firefighter with Thompson Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, but not to exceed five years. To purchase the prior service credit, the person shall make a payment in an amount equal to all employee and employer contributions at the rates in effect on salaries paid when the service was rendered plus compound interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the year of purchase to the date payment is made. At its discretion, Thompson Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated may make the payment representing the employer contributions plus compound interest at the applicable rate. Payment may be made in installments as arranged with the executive director of the public employees retirement association, but shall, in any event, be completed no later than ten years following the effective date of this act. Any prior service credit purchased shall be allowable service credit within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 353.01, Subdivision 16. Allowable service shall be credited to the person's account only upon receipt of the payment by the executive director of the public employees retirement association.

Sec. 3. APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. From and after the effective date of this act, Thompson Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated shall be deemed to be a political subdivision for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 176.181, 176.531 and 268.06, Subdivision 25. With respect to any claims for benefits provided under Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 176 or 268, nothing contained in this act shall be construed as modifying or affecting the liability of an insurance carrier for the payment of workers' compensation or unemployment compensation claims under any contract entered into with or policy issued to the Thompson Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated prior to the effective date of this act.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective upon approval by the Cottage Grove city council and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 21, 1979.

CHAPTER 121—H.F.No.219

An act relating to electricians; establishing an additional class of installers license; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 326.01, Subdivision 6b; and 326.242, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 326.01, Subdivision 6b, is amended to read:

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Subd. 6b. **INSTALLER.** The term "installer" means a person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for major electrical home appliances and such other electrical equipment as is determined by the state board of electricity pursuant to section 326.242, subdivision 3, on the load side of the main service on farmsteads or in any town or municipality with less than 1500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to a city of the first class and does not contain an established business of a master electrician, and who is licensed as such by the state board of electricity.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 326.242, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **INSTALLER.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2 and 6, any person holding ~~an~~ a class A installer license may lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment for major electrical home appliances on the load side of the main service on farmsteads and in any town or municipality with fewer than 1500 inhabitants, which is not contiguous to a city of the first class and does not contain an established business of a master electrician. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2 and 6, any person holding a class B installer license may lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment on center pivot irrigation booms on the load side of the main service on farmsteads, and install such other electrical equipment as is determined by the board.

An applicant for an installer license shall have completed a post high school course in electricity acceptable to the board or shall have had at least one year's experience, acceptable to the board or shall have had at least one year's experience, acceptable to the board, in electrical wiring.

Every installer, as a condition of his license, shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned upon the faithful and lawful performance of all work contracted for or entered upon by him within the state of Minnesota, 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 in lieu of all other license bonds to any political subdivision of the state. Such bond shall be written by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 21, 1979.

CHAPTER 122—H.F.No.282

An act relating to game and fish; establishing a procedure for selection of applicants for licenses to take wild turkeys; providing a penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 100.271.

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