

§ 7. REPEAL.] All Acts and parts of acts in conflict with this Act, and especially Section 2943 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913, as amended by Chapter 154 of the Laws of North Dakota for 1915, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 8, 1917.

ELECTRICIANS

CHAPTER 118.

[S. B. No. 158—King.]

BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS.

An Act to Create a State Board of Electricians and Prescribing the Duties Thereof, Providing for the Classification, Examination and Licensing of Electricians and Electrical Workers, Prescribing Fees for Such Examination and License, and Providing for Inspection of Electrical Work through the Commissioner of Insurance under the Direction of the State Board.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. Board of Electricians is hereby created which shall consist of three members appointed by the Governor for periods of two, four and six years, respectively, and the Commissioner of Insurance, who shall be ex-officio and Secretary of the Board. The three members appointed shall consist of one Master Electrician engaged in active work, one Journeyman Electrician and one Electrical Engineer of known ability. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and from the same class to which the retiring member belonged. The Board shall select from its members a Chairman and Treasurer, prescribe rules for the management of its affairs and adopt a seal. Each member shall receive Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day for actual services rendered and actual expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, except that in no case shall such compensation exceed \$100.00 for each or any member, in any one fiscal year. The board will meet at the Capitol on or about the first Monday in January and July of each year for the purpose of conducting examination and considering such other matters as may be brought before them, or at any time upon ten day's notice from the secretary.

§ 2. There shall be Master, Journeyman and special electricians, and in the last class shall be persons employed to operate electric light and power apparatus and keep the same in repair. Every person not already a licensed electrician who shall hereinafter engage in the occupation of or do any operating, installing or repairing of electrical wires or apparatus shall apply to the board for a license. The Board shall examine the applicant and if he be

found upon examination to be possessed of the required skill and knowledge of the business and reasonably versed in the laws of electricity shall issue him a license to engage in such business for a period of two years, signed by the President and Secretary and attested by the seal. The employees of interstate telephone and telegraph companies shall not be required to hold licenses to engage in such work as pertains to the telephone and telegraph business. Every licensee shall report his licensing and the renewal thereof to the proper electrical inspector, if any there be in the city in which he operates. Holders of journeyman and special electrician's licenses shall be furnished with a duplicate of such license printed or engraved on a card two and one-half by four inches which the holder shall produce on lawful demand. For cause and after hearing all interested parties the Board may revoke such license, and shall notify the city inspector of such revocation. Licenses shall be renewed without examination on applications accompanied by proper fee.

§ 3. This act shall be applicable and apply in full to all persons engaged in or doing any work pertaining to the use of electricity for power, heat and light purposes, in cities or villages, having one thousand or more inhabitants and such other cities or villages as may express desire may appoint a local inspector to assist the state inspection department by the passing of local ordinances.

§ 4. A person under the age of twenty-one years shall be licensed only as a special electrician. Every applicant for a master electrician's license shall pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) and take oath that he has had three years experience in the occupation, or if a corporation applies an officer or manager thereof, shall make application and take such oath, after being duly examined as master electrician. An applicant for a journeyman's license shall pay a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) and take oath that he has had three years experience in installing and repairing of electrical wires and apparatus. An applicant for a special electrician's license shall pay a fee of two dollars and make oath that he has had two years experience in the line of work for which he asks license, and which shall be set forth in the license. No contract for electric work shall be entered into by any one not a licensed electrician. Any electrician or corporation engaged in the business prior to the adoption of this law shall apply within sixty days after the taking effect thereof to the board for a license which shall be granted upon examination, and payment of the proper fee, provided however, that no master's license shall be issued under the provisions of this clause unless the applicant have in his employ at the time application is made, not less than one journeyman electrician and a place of business. No journeyman electrician shall at any time employ more than one such workman without first taking the proper examination and securing a master's license. The board shall make the examinations consistent with the class of license requested.

§ 5. Nothing in this act shall prevent a person from serving as an apprentice under a licensed electrician, and no master electrician shall allow an apprentice to work at any installation unless such apprentice is working with a licensed electrician on the job.

§ 6. The Commissioner of Insurance is hereby made State Electrical Inspector and it shall be his duty under the direction of the state board to provide for the inspection of such work as he may be called upon to approve according to the rules of the National Board of Underwriters, and to approve the appointment of local inspectors in cities, and villages coming within the provisions of this act. He may at any time order the removal of any local inspector for cause, or condemn any electrical work in dangerous condition. All cities and villages coming under the provision of this bill shall make provision for inspection by competent persons of all electrical work done within the confines of such city or village. Such local inspectors shall register their names with the Secretary of the State Board within ten days after their appointment. Fees may be charged to cover the cost of local inspection not in excess of one dollar (\$1.00) for each trip and shall be met by the local authorities. Fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be used solely for the purpose of furthering the improvements of the grade of electrical construction within the state, as directed by the board, said board to report to the Governor on or before the first Monday in January showing the receipts and disbursements for the preceding year. Provided further that in no one year shall the expense incurred by the board exceed the funds collected through fees the previous year. The revenue from such fees may be anticipated to meet such expenses the first year this act is in force but shall not exceed one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars for such period.

§ 7. Any person who shall engage in the installing of electrical wires or apparatus without having complied with the laws embodied in this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, the minimum punishment whereof shall be a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), both fines to be doubled in case of a second offense in the discretion of the court.

§ 8. In case the office of the State Fire Marshal is maintained the duties conferred by this act on the Commissioner of Insurance shall be performed by the office of the State Fire Marshal.

§ 9. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 10, 1917.