

Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship

HF2628

Intent: Language add to Statute 177.43 limiting participation in prevailing wage bids if not entered into an apprenticeship agreement. Effective date 6-30-2011

Status: No companion bill as of 3-8-10. House - Has passed out Commerce & Labor referred to Labor and Consumer Protection.

How it Affects MNESTA: This bill would amend statute effectively stopping any contractor/subcontractor from bidding on prevailing wage jobs unless they have entered into an apprenticeship agreement. We view this as a fencing bill by organized labor.

Action: Set up a meeting with Commissioner Sviggum to state our position. Meeting held Feb 26th, Dave Fisch representing MNESTA. Monitor.

DOLI Bill moving language from Rules to Statute, fee increases

HF2781/SF2510

Intent: Remove language from Rules and move to Statute for all Boards under DOLI. Some increases in fees.

Status: House - Has passed out of Finance to Transportation Finance and Policy.

How it Affects MNESTA: This bill affects MNESTA members by changing the fee structure when renewing company and individual licenses. The bill intends to be revenue neutral raising some fees and lowering others. Electrical contractor fees up from \$200 to \$260 (proposed fee decrease from \$200 to \$160 plus \$100 filing fee for responsible person), and PLT licenses have increased from \$30 to \$72 (not including the electronic fee). A meeting was held with Commissioner Sviggum to discuss enforcement along with the fee increases. Subdivision 12 that protected Technology System Contractors from employee individual licensing unless performing certain work is left in tact.

Action: Monitor.

Individual Licensing for Satellite System Installers

HF2900/SF2522

Intent: Add language in the Electrical Act for Satellite System installers to have their own license classification.

Status: House - Has passed out Commerce & Labor referred to Labor and Consumer Protection.

How it Affects MNESTA: This bill would only affect MNESTA members if it caused a change to language protection Technology System Contractors and PLT's. DOLI and the Electrical Board support this bill as a means of getting companies and individuals licensed.

Action: Monitor.

Legislation for payment to subcontractors

HF2393/SF2163

Intent: Prompt payment of subcontractors. These bills have provisions to pay subcontractors according to the original contract schedule and to require construction lenders to notify contractors of the project owner default on the construction loan so work can stop where there is no possibility of being paid.

Status: These bills were introduced late last year and were held over to the 2010 session, being the second year of the Biennium. House - Has passed out Commerce & Labor referred to Labor and Consumer Protection.

How it Affects MNESTA: This bill affects MNESTA members by changing statute to remove the residential exemption providing for general contractors to give prompt payment to subcontractors.

Action: Monitor and support.

Building Code word-smithing

HF3048/SF2928

Intent: Language Clean-up.

Status: No companion bill. House - Has passed out Labor and Consumer Protection, referred back to Commerce and Labor.

How it Affects MNESTA: Would only help MNESTA by opening up apprenticeship requirements allowing on-the-job acquisition of skills to count towards training.

Action: No action

Change bond from \$25K to \$5K

HF2654

Intent: Lower bond requirement

Status: No companion bill. House - Has passed out Commerce & Labor referred to Labor and Consumer Protection.

How it Affects MNESTA: Would lower the bond requirement. Will most likely die without companion.

Action: No action

Building Code word-smithing

HF2945/SF2759

Intent: Language Clean-up.

Status: House - Has passed committee hearing and is currently in Commerce & Labor.

How it Affects MNESTA: Would not affect MNESTA.

Action: No action