Overview

This bill modifies two existing categories of limited well contractor licensure under the Well Code, in chapter 103I, to authorize persons licensed as limited well/boring contractors or limited well/boring sealing contractors to install, repair, or seal vertical heat exchangers. Under current law, only well contractors are permitted to drill or excavate to install vertical heat exchangers and to install vertical heat exchangers.

To make the limited contractor occupational titles more accurately reflect the activities that may be performed with these licenses, throughout chapter 103I the title "limited well contractor" is replaced with "limited well/boring contractor," and the title "limited well sealing contractor" is replaced with the title "limited well/boring sealing contractor." The commissioner of health is also required to license persons constructing, repairing, and sealing vertical heat exchangers, regulate the construction, repair, and sealing of vertical heat exchangers, and adopt rules for these purposes.

Section

1  **Limited well/boring contractor.** Amends § 103I.005, subd. 12. In a section defining terms for a chapter on wells, borings, and related occupations, changes an occupational title to "limited well/boring contractor" from "limited well contractor."

2  **Limited well/boring sealing contractor.** Amends § 103I.005, subd. 13. In a section defining terms, changes an occupational title to "limited well/boring sealing contractor" from "limited well sealing contractor."

3  **Vertical heat exchanger.** Amends § 103I.005, subd. 20. Modifies the definition of "vertical heat exchanger."

4  **Duties.** Amends § 103I.101, subd. 2. Requires the commissioner of health to examine and license persons authorized to construct, repair, and seal vertical heat exchangers (this bill would allow persons to engage in one or more of these activities by obtaining a limited well/boring
Contractor license, a limited well/boring sealing contractor license, or a well contractor license).

5 **Commissioner to adopt rules.** Amends § 103I.101, subd. 5. Requires the commissioner to adopt rules regarding licensure of persons constructing, repairing, and sealing vertical heat exchangers.

6 **Advisory council on wells and borings.** Amends § 103I.105. Adds an additional member to the advisory council on wells and borings: a licensed vertical heat exchanger contractor or a person certified by the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association.

7 **Emergency permit and notification exemptions.** Amends § 103I.205, subd. 2. Changes the occupational title to "limited well/boring contractor" from "limited well contractor."

8 **License required.** Amends § 103I.205, subd. 4. Changes the occupational title to "limited well/boring contractor" from "limited well contractor." Expands the types of work that a person may perform by obtaining a limited well/boring contractor license, to include constructing, repairing, and sealing vertical heat exchangers. Makes conforming changes.

9 **Monitoring well.** Amends § 103I.301, subd. 2. Changes the occupational title to "limited well/boring sealing contractor" from "limited well sealing contractor."

10 **Dewatering wells.** Amends § 103I.301, subd. 3. Changes the occupational title to "limited well/boring sealing contractor" from "limited well sealing contractor."

11 **Licensing and regulation of wells and borings.** Amends § 103I.501. Adds, to the list of activities that the commissioner must license and regulate, the construction, repair, and sealing of vertical heat exchangers. Changes the occupational title to "limited well/boring contractor" from "limited well contractor."

12 **Limited well/boring contractor's license.** Amends § 103I.531. Throughout this section establishing licensure requirements for limited well/boring contractors, changes the occupational title to "limited well/boring contractor" from "limited well contractor." Adds an additional requirement for licensure - that an applicant must meet the experience requirements that the commissioner establishes in rule. Requires submission of a $10,000 bond by a person licensed as a limited well/boring contractor to construct, repair, and seal vertical heat exchangers. Requires applicants for licensure renewal to have filed with the commissioner all vertical heat exchanger permits that the person has obtained since the last licensure renewal.

13 **Requirements.** Amends § 103I.641. Allows a limited well/boring contractor who is licensed to construct, repair, and seal vertical heat exchangers to drill or excavate to install a vertical heat exchanger. (Under current law, only well contractors are permitted to excavate to install vertical heat exchangers.)

14 **Permit required.** Amends § 103I.641, subd. 3. Requires limited well/boring contractors who are licensed to construct, repair, and seal vertical heat exchangers to apply for a permit from the commissioner to install a vertical heat exchanger. (Under current law, only well contractors are permitted to install vertical heat exchangers, so the requirement to obtain a permit currently only applies to well contractors.)

15 **Effective date.** Makes sections 13 and 14 effective August 1, 2000.