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LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO



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BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION 54-1007, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND RECIPROCITY; AMENDING SECTION 54-1008, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE DURATION OF ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE REGISTRATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1013, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR REVIVAL OF EXPIRED REGISTRATIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1014, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE LICENSE AND REGISTRATION FEES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1007, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1007. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES -- RECIPROCITY. (1) The administrator shall issue licenses to such persons as have by examination shown themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the trade of journeyman electrician, limited electrical installer or master electrician as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, and to such persons, firms, partnerships, associations or corporations as have shown themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the business of electrical contracting or limited electrical contracting as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code.

(2) An apprentice electrician, as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, may take the journeyman's examination if he has completed the required related instruction for electrical apprentices as approved by the Idaho state board for career technical education, completion of which shall be evidenced by a certificate from an approved provider, and has worked the number of hours as prescribed by the Idaho electrical board, provided that for all the time he is claiming to have worked as an apprentice electrician, the apprentice shall have been registered with the division of building safety as an apprentice. The electrical board may, by rule, fix the apprentice registration fee, in an amount not to exceed the costs of issuing apprentice registration certificates and enforcing the apprentice registration provisions of this chapter, and may also by rule establish requirements relative to the manner of registration renewal, verification of employment, the number of instructional hours completed, continuation training and the number of hours worked.

~~(a) All verification of employment forms submitted by an apprentice shall be entered into and maintained in the apprentice's file by the division of building safety. The division of building safety shall provide the apprentice online access to this information.~~

~~(b)~~ An apprentice who has completed the number of instructional hours and has not taken or passed the journeyman's examination within two (2) years of completion of the instructional training hours shall provide proof of continuation training as set by rule of the electrical board.

1 ~~(c) An apprentice who has not advanced in apprenticeship training for~~
2 ~~a period of two (2) years shall complete continuation training as set by~~
3 ~~rule of the electrical board.~~

4 (3) Any person who has worked as a licensed journeyman for a period of
5 not less than four (4) years and who has worked the number of hours as pre-
6 scribed by rule of the board as a licensed journeyman electrician shall be
7 considered as qualified to apply for a master electrician's license in this
8 state. The Idaho electrical board, in establishing by rule the requirements
9 for a master electrician's license, shall also take into account the appli-
10 cant's performance as a journeyman electrician.

11 ~~(4) Any person with out of state experience who has worked as a jour-~~
12 ~~neyman electrician or as an apprentice electrician for a period of four (4)~~
13 ~~years, and who has met such other requirements as established by rule of the~~
14 ~~board~~ Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, any person who can
15 demonstrate eight (8) years of work experience, defined as a minimum of six-
16 teen thousand (16,000) hours, making electrical installations on the job,
17 shall be considered as qualified to apply for a journeyman electrician's
18 license in this state.

19 (5) To the extent that other states that provide for the licensing of
20 electricians ~~provide for similar action, the require qualifications at~~
21 least equal to those contained in this chapter, the administrator may enter
22 reciprocal agreements with such other states to grant licenses to electri-
23 cians licensed by such other states. The administrator, on the recommen-
24 dation of the Idaho electrical board, may grant licenses to electricians
25 licensed by such other states, upon payment by the applicant of the required
26 fee and upon furnishing proof to the board that the applicant has qualifi-
27 cations at least equal to those provided herein for applicants for written
28 examinations. Applicants who qualify for a license under this subsection
29 are not required to take a written examination.

30 (6) All verification of employment forms submitted by an individual
31 seeking electrical licensing or registration shall be entered into and
32 maintained in the individual's file by the division of building safety. The
33 division of building safety shall provide the individual with online access
34 to this information.

35 SECTION 2. That Section 54-1008, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
36 amended to read as follows:

37 54-1008. DURATION OF LICENSE. (1) All licenses, including license re-
38 newals, for master electricians, journeyman electricians and limited elec-
39 trical installers shall be issued for a period of three (3) years and shall
40 expire three (3) years from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or sus-
41 pended.

42 (2) Electrical contractor and limited electrical contractor licenses
43 shall be issued for a period of one (1) year and shall expire one (1) year from
44 the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.

45 (3) Electrical apprentice registrations issued or renewed shall be is-
46 sued for a period of ~~five~~ one (1) years.

47 (4) Limited electrical installer trainee registrations shall be issued
48 for a period of three (3) years.

1 (5) Facility account licenses shall be issued and renewed for a period
2 of one (1) year.

3 (6) Each licensing period and each registration period shall end at
4 midnight on the last day of the month of the licensing or registration
5 period. Licenses and registrations not renewed by this date shall have ex-
6 pired.

7 (7) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered system
8 of issuing and renewing licenses.

9 SECTION 3. That Section 54-1013, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 54-1013. RENEWAL OF LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS -- INACTIVE LI-
12 CENSES. (1) A license or registration once issued under this chapter, unless
13 revoked or suspended as herein provided, may be renewed at any time during
14 the final month of the licensing period on the payment of the renewal fee
15 herein specified, proof of satisfaction of applicable continuing education
16 requirements as established by the electrical board, proof of satisfac-
17 tion of applicable apprentice and specialty trainee instruction and work
18 requirements as established by the electrical board, and provided that all
19 outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees, have been paid in
20 full, and all outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily re-
21 solved. For electrical contractors and specialty electrical contractors,
22 proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars
23 (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insur-
24 ance shall be required if applicable.

25 (2) Any license or registration that has expired may be revived at any
26 time within one (1) year from the last day of the final month of the licensing
27 period, by payment of the revival fee herein specified, together with all
28 outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees and penalties, and
29 upon proof that outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily
30 resolved. For electrical contractors and limited electrical contractors,
31 proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars
32 (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insur-
33 ance shall be required if applicable.

34 (3) Certificates of competency issued prior to July 1, 1961, shall, for
35 the purpose of this chapter, be considered as licenses and may be renewed or
36 revived as herein provided.

37 (4) The administrator may renew, on an inactive basis, the license of an
38 electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor who is not engaged in
39 electrical contracting in this state. The board shall fix and collect an in-
40 active license fee for such an inactive license renewal in an amount not to
41 exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). Each inactive license shall be is-
42 sued for a period of one (1) year. An electrical contractor or limited elec-
43 trical contractor holding an inactive license may not engage in the practice
44 of electrical contracting or limited electrical contracting in this state.
45 If an electrical contractor or limited electrical contractor wishes to con-
46 vert his inactive license to an active license, he may do so by paying a pro-
47 cessing fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) and providing proof of the required
48 liability insurance and applicable worker's compensation insurance.

SECTION 4. That Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1014. FEES. The administrator of the division of building safety shall charge the following fees:

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| (1) Application for license <u>or registration</u> | \$15.00 |
| (2) <u>One-year licenses and registration, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and 54-1013, Idaho Code:</u> | |
| (a) Electrical contractor license | \$125.00 |
| (b) Electrical contractor license renewal | 100.00 |
| (c) Electrical contractor license revival | 125.00 |
| (d) Limited electrical contractor license | 125.00 |
| (e) Limited electrical contractor license renewal | 100.00 |
| (f) Limited electrical contractor license revival | 125.00 |
| (g) Facility account license | 125.00 |
| (h) <u>Apprentice electrician registration</u> | <u>15.00</u> |
| <u>(i) At the time the apprentice applies for a journeyman electrician license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on an apprentice electrician working license shall be credited toward the purchase of the journeyman electrician license.</u> | |
| (i) <u>Apprentice electrician registration renewal</u> | <u>15.00</u> |
| (j) <u>Apprentice electrician registration revival</u> | <u>15.00</u> |
| (3) <u>Three-year licenses and registration, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and 54-1013, Idaho Code:</u> | |
| (a) Master electrician license | \$65.00 |
| (b) Master electrician license renewal | 45.00 |
| (c) Master electrician license revival | 55.00 |
| (d) Journeyman electrician license | 55.00 |
| (e) Journeyman electrician license renewal | 45.00 |
| (f) Journeyman electrician license revival | 55.00 |
| (g) Limited electrical installer license | 55.00 |
| (h) Limited electrical installer license renewal | 45.00 |
| (i) Limited electrical installer license revival | 55.00 |
| (j) Limited electrical installer trainee registration and working license | 30.00 |
| <u>(i) At the time the limited electrical installer trainee applies for a limited electrical installer license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on a limited electrical installer trainee working license shall be credited toward the purchase of the limited electrical installer license.</u> | |
| (k) <u>Limited electrical installer trainee registration renewal</u> | <u>25.00</u> |
| (l) <u>Limited electrical installer trainee registration revival</u> | <u>30.00</u> |
| (4) Five-year licenses, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and 54-1013, Idaho Code: | |
| (a) Apprentice electrician registration and working license | \$50.00 |
| (i) At the time the apprentice applies for a journeyman electrician license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on an apprentice electrician working license shall be credited toward the purchase of the journeyman electrician license. | |