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STATE OF MAINE
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6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2127, L.D. 2045, Bill,
7 "AN ACT Amending the Electricians' Licensing Law."

8 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
9 enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

10 '32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, 1A, as repealed and replaced by
11 PL 1981, c. 383, §5, and as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt.
12 A, §152, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

13 A. For a journeyman electrician's or limited license,
14 at least 8,000 hours of service as an apprentice or
15 helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours of experi-
16 ence in electrical installations as defined in section
17 1101, and satisfactory completion of a program of study
18 comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians'
19 Examining Board and completion of a course of not less
20 than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code,
21 the course to be approved by the board. A graduate of
22 a regional vocational high school 2-year electrical
23 program approved by the Electricians' Examining Board
24 shall be eligible to write the journeyman's examina-
25 tion, as long as he has worked for 8,000 hours in the
26 field of electrical installations under the supervision
27 of a master electrician or the equivalent. Any person
28 who has at least 2 years' service as an apprentice or
29 helper electrician may take the examination for a
30 journeyman's or limited license and shall receive a li-
31 cence if he passes, provided that he was licensed as an
32 apprentice or helper electrician under subsection 3 on
33 January 1, 1981, that he applies for the examination in
34 accordance with section 1203 before January 1, 1983,
35 and that he takes the examination within 6 months of
36 his becoming eligible to do so. Upon the effective
37 date of this paragraph, the board shall notify, by cer-
38 tified mail, return receipt requested, all persons who
39 were licensed as apprentice or helper electricians on
40 January 1, 1981, of the provisions of the preceding

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2 sentence. For a master electrician's license, at least
3 4,000 hours of service as a journeyman electrician or
4 at least 12,000 hours of service as an apprentice or
5 helper electrician or at least 12,000 hours of experi-
6 ence in electrical installations, as defined in section
7 1101, and satisfactory completion of a program of study
8 comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians'
9 Examining Board and completion of a course of not less
10 than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code,
11 the course to be approved by the Electricians' Exam-
12 ining Board; and'

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 Last year, the Legislature stiffened electrician's
15 licensing requirements, mainly by increasing the amount of
16 experience required to take exams. This amendment allows
17 persons who were licensed as apprentice and helper electri-
18 cians on January 1, 1981, to take the journeyman's or
19 limited exam under the same requirements as existed when
20 they began working toward their license. This amendment re-
21 quires, that these persons apply for their license before
22 January 1, 1983, and take the exam within 6 months of qual-
23 ifying. This amendment also requires the board to notify by
24 certified mail, persons eligible under this limited grand-
25 father provision. Finally, this amendment closes a loophole
26 in current law which permits a person to take the master's
27 exam without even complying with the educational requirement
28 imposed on applicants for the journeyman's license.

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