

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT to Revise the Electricians Law.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 1102, sub-§§ 3, 4 and 8 repealed.** Subsections 3, 4 and 8 of section 1102 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 1104, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 1104 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 385 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

State electrical inspectors, upon written complaint of any person or whenever they shall deem it necessary, shall inspect or cause to be inspected and, at all reasonable hours, for purpose of examination, enter into and upon all buildings or premises within their jurisdiction. Whenever any state electrical inspector shall find any electrical installation in any building or other structure which does not comply with this chapter, he shall order the same to be removed or remedied and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings. If such order is made by any state electrical inspector, such owner or occupant may within 24 hours appeal to the Electricians Examining Board, which shall within 10 days review such order and file its decision thereon, and its decision shall be final and shall be complied with within such time as may be fixed in said order or decision of the Electricians Examining Board. If there is danger to life and property, taking into consideration the health and well-being of the public, the state electrical inspector shall be empowered to discontinue or order discontinuance of the electrical service in the area affected.

State electrical inspectors may enter any building with the permission of any person having control of the same or may apply to a court for process to do so. In the event a state electrical inspector shall find any hazardous electrical installation he shall order the person having charge of the same to have it corrected forthwith, and in the event of refusal or neglect to do so may apply to an appropriate court for injunctive relief.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, §§ 1104-B and 1104-C, additional.** Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections to be numbered 1104-B and 1104-C, to read as follows:

**§ 1104-B. Failure to comply with order of inspector**

If the owner of any building neglects or refuses for more than 10 days to comply with any order of the state electrical inspector concerning electrical installations as provided in this chapter, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 for each day's neglect.

**§ 1104-C. Refusing admission to inspector**

Any owner or occupant of building, who refuses to permit a state electrical inspector to enter his building or willfully obstructs him in the inspection of such building as required by this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$20, to be recovered by complaint or indictment.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 1151, amended.** The 3rd sentence from the end of section 1151 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The members of the board shall each be allowed the sum of ~~\$15~~ \$20 per day and their necessary travelling expenses for actual attendance upon an examination of candidates for license, and for any necessary hearings.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 32, § 1153-A, additional.** Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1153-A, to read as follows:

**§ 1153-A. Standards; installation**

All installations of electrical equipment shall comply with the current edition of the National Electrical Code, pamphlet #70, published by National Fire Protection Association and with applicable statutes of the State and all applicable ordinances, orders, rules and regulations of any city or town or the Electricians Examining Board.

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 32, § 1155, amended.** The first paragraph of section 1155 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The board shall investigate all complaints made to it and all cases of noncompliance with or violation of this chapter. The board shall have the authority to revoke a license until said complaint can be heard by the Administrative Hearing Commissioner. The Administrative Hearing Commissioner shall have the power to suspend or revoke the license of any licensed electrician who is found guilty of:

**Sec. 7. R. S., T. 32, § 1202, sub-§ 2, amended.** The last sentence of subsection 2 of section 1202 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed, as follows:

~~Any person who enters such employ as a helper without the intention of qualifying for any such licenses shall not be required to apply for a license under this section.~~

**Sec. 8. R. S., T. 32, § 1203, amended.** The last 2 sentences of section 1203 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 8 of chapter 385 of the public laws of 1965, are repealed, as follows:

~~Any holder of a master electrician's license may receive a journeyman's license without examination or further fee. Licenses shall be originally issued over the signature of at least a majority of the board.~~

**Sec. 9. R. S., T. 32, § 1204, amended.** Section 1204 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 9 of chapter 385 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph, as follows:

Any master giving up his master's license for a lower grade license will be required to successfully pass an examination in order to reinstate his master license.