

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 350

S. P. 138

In Senate, January 24, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cianchette of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Installation of Electrical Conduits under the
Electricians Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 1101, sub-§ 2, amended. The first sentence of subsection 2 of section 1101 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The words "master electrician" shall mean a person, firm or corporation, qualified under this chapter, engaging in, or about to engage in, the business of installing electrical wires, ~~conduits~~ apparatus, fixtures and other electrical equipment.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 1101, sub-§ 3, amended. The first sentence of subsection 3 of section 1101 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The words "journeyman electrician" shall mean a person doing work of installing electrical wires, ~~conduits~~ apparatus, fixtures and other electrical equipment in the employment of a master electrician.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 1105, amended. The first sentence of section 1105 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 385 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

Any person who engages in the business of installing electrical wires, ~~conduits~~ apparatus, fixtures or other electrical equipment in the State or installs the same for compensation without having a license in effect ~~hereunder~~

under this chapter or any person who, being himself in the business, employs a person to do such work who has not such a license then in effect, unless he is an apprentice electrician or helper electrician as set forth in this chapter or unless the persons or work is exempted under section 1102, or any person who procures a license ~~hereunder~~ under this chapter wrongfully or by fraud, or any person who violates this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to delete the installation of electrical conduits from the list of those items which are, by law, required to be accomplished solely by journeymen or master electricians.

It is apparent that the law was originally written to provide protection to the public regarding the technical aspects of electrical installations. The installation of conduits is not a technical operation and does not require special electrical skills. Highway and bridge construction projects frequently call for the installation of one or more sections of pipe which will be used at some future date to carry electrical wires beneath a granular fill or through a concrete structure. During this stage of the construction contract, the need for an electrician would be otherwise nonexistent. It would therefore seem appropriate that such conduit be installed by workmen already on the job; carpenters, laborers, pipefitters or the like, thus eliminating a possible delay and additional cost of an electrician making a special trip to the job site.

The installation of wiring and electrical equipment, required later in the project, would be left to the electricians, as it should be.