

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 7**

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Office of the Clerk of the House

Submitted by the Department of Business Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule  
24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Vose of Eastport.

Cosponsor: Mr. Gillis of Calais.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Permits and Inspection for Electrical Installation in  
Commercial Buildings under the Electrician Law.**

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

32 MRSA § 1206 is enacted to read:

**§ 1206. Electrical permits and inspections of buildings**

1. **Permits.** In the event that any municipality does not adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of permits pursuant to Title 30, section 2557, the Electricians' Examining Board may issue a permit in that municipality.

2. **Inspection and certificates of approval.** Upon the completion of any installation of electrical equipment which has been made under a permit issued by the Electricians' Examining Board, the person, firm or corporation making the installation shall notify the electrical inspector having jurisdiction, who shall inspect the work within a reasonable time.

Where the inspector finds the installation to be in conformity with this section, he shall issue to the person, firm or corporation making the installation a certificate of approval.

If, upon inspection, any installation is not found to be in full conformance with this section and all applicable local ordinances, rules and regulations, the electrical

**inspector making the inspection shall at once forward to the person, firm or corporation making the installation a written notice stating the defects which have been found to exist.**

**The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the board and the board shall establish a schedule of fees to be paid for inspection based on actual expenses.**

**3. Exceptions. This section shall not apply to one and 2-family dwellings and to the construction, installation, operation, repair or maintenance of electrical installations which are used by a public utility in rendering its authorized service.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Electrical installations are being made in commercial buildings by unlicensed persons and many of these installations are not meeting the requirements of the National Electrical Code, which provides the minimum requirements for the State. This bill would insure the public against poor electrical installations which could result in loss of life or property.

Some of the larger cities and towns in the State do not require permits and do not inspect electrical installations.

Electrical violations are one of the major safety problems found by state and federal labor inspectors. Approximately 1/3 of all their violations are electrical.