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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 285, L.D. 810, Bill, "AN ACT Amending the Electricians Licensing Statute."

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

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §2269, sub-§1, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, §3, is amended to read:

Any person who has completed satisfactorily a course of instruction, at a Maine vocational-technical institute, in the practice of ~~electrical-installations~~, oil burner installation or plumbing is entitled to take a journeyman's examination conducted by the appropriate one of the following boards:

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §2269, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA §2269, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, §3, is amended by adding ←-----> at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any person who has completed satisfactorily a course of instruction certified by the Electricians' Examining Board at a Maine vocational-technical institute may take the journeyman's examination and after passage of the examination and after working in the field of electrical installation for 4,000 hours under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent shall receive a journeyman's license. The board shall adopt a written criteria for certification of a course of instruction. Any person who is enrolled in a course of instruction at a Maine vocational-technical institute on January 1, 1982 is entitled to take a journeyman's examination upon the suc-

cessful completion of that course of instruction and after passage of the examination/^{he}shall receive a journeyman's license.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1151, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 575, §13, is ^{the} further amended to read:

Two of ~~said~~ ^{the} appointive members from the electrical field shall be appointed from a slate, at the time of each such appointment, of 3 persons nominated by the State Electrical Associates. ~~Said~~ ^{The} appointive members shall consist of one master electrician, one electrician who is a bona fide member from organized labor classified as an inside electrician, one electrical inspector, one master electrician from the education field and ² one other/person experienced in the electrical field, all with at least 10 years' experience in the electrical field and the latter 3 need not be active electricians at the time of appointment, and one representative of the public.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 278, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. For a journeyman electrician's or limited license at least 8,000 hours service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours experience in electrical installations as defined in section 1101, and satisfactory completion of a program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board. A graduate of a regional vocational high school 2-year electrical program approved by the Electricians' Examining Board < > shall be eligible to write the journeyman's examination, as long as he has worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent.

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For a master electrician's license at least 4,000 hours service as a journeyman electrician or at least 12,000 hours service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 12,000 hours experience in electrical installation, as defined in section 1101, and completion of a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the Electrician's Examining Board; and

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §1204, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 767, §39, is amended to read:

All licenses issued shall expire October 31st of each biennial period as to master electricians and April 30th of each biennial period as to other licensees and they may be renewed thereafter for 2-year periods ~~without further examination~~, after submitting proof of satisfactory completion of at least 15 hours, but not more than 30 hours, of a course in the current National Electrical Code approved by the Electrician's Examining Board and upon the payment of the proper renewal fee as set forth in section 1101.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to :

1. Provide that any person who passes a certified course at a Maine vocational-technical institute may take a journeyman's examination and, after 4,000 hours work under a master electrician's supervision, is entitled to a journeyman's license;
2. Grandfather any person enrolled in a certified course at a Maine vocational-technical institute on January 1, 1982, from the experience requirement as previously described;

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3. Add 2 new members to the examining board;and
4. Require applicants for license renewal to have completed a continuing education course in the National Electrical Code.

Section 5 of the amendment is in conflict with a section of the ~~Errors Bill~~. The ~~Errors Bill~~ section merely makes a technical change. It is intended that the bill prevail over the ~~Errors Bill~~ if both are enacted.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Business Legislation.

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