

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Clark of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amending the Electricians Licensing Statute.

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

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**Sec. 2.** 20 MRSA § 2269, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, § 3, is repealed as follows:

~~A. Electricians' Examining Board;~~

**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 2-year course of instruction, at a Maine vocational-technical institute, in the practice of electrical installations or who has completed satisfactorily a one-year course at that institution and either has worked in the field of electrical installations for 12 months under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent is entitled to take a journeyman's examination conducted by the Electricians' Examining Board.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 1202, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 278, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 2 years' service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 2 years' experience in electrical installations as defined in section 1101, and satisfactory completion of a program of study comprising of 270 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board, except that the board may give such credit as it deems justified for other work experience or education; provided that any person qualified under Title 20, section 2269, shall be eligible to write the journeyman's examination. A graduate of a regional vocational high school 2-year electrical program approved by the Electricians' Examining Board also shall be eligible to write the journeyman's examination, as long as he has worked for either 18 months in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent.**

**For a master electrician' license at least one year's service as a journeyman electrician and completion of an advanced course of not less than 45 hours in the National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the Electricians' Examining Board.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide training and education requirements for licensing of electricians. This bill will assure a system of training and education for the purpose of upgrading the performance of electricians in the State and providing a program of well-trained electricians. A person wishing to obtain an electrician's license would have to meet a minimum requirement of work experience and a planned education course.