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1 (New Draft of H.P. 419, L.D. 599)  
2 (New Title)  
3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1612

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9 H.P. 1109

House of Representatives, May 28, 1985

10 Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Business and  
11 Commerce and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by  
12 Representative Theriault of Fort Kent. Cosponsored by Representative Clark  
of Millinocket and Representative Duffy of Bangor.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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19 AN ACT to Reduce the Hours Required for  
20 Journeymen Electricians.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10110, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted  
25 by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the  
26 following enacted in its place:

27 A. Who has fulfilled the requirements of Title  
28 32, section 1202, subsection 1, paragraph C,  
29 shall receive a journeyman's license. The board  
30 shall adopt written criteria for certification of  
31 a course of instruction; or

32 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, as amended by PL  
33 1981, c. 670, is repealed and the following enacted  
34 in its place:

1           1. Application; qualifications. The board shall  
2 issue a license to any person who files a sworn ap-  
3 plication for a license and who meets the following  
4 qualifications.

5           A. For a journeyman electrician's or limited li-  
6 cence, the applicant must have at least 8,000  
7 hours of service as an apprentice or helper elec-  
8 trician or at least 8,000 hours of experience in  
9 electrical installations as defined in section  
10 1101, and have satisfactorily completed a program  
11 of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the  
12 Electricians' Examining Board and have completed  
13 a course of not less than 45 hours in the current  
14 National Electrical Code, the course to be ap-  
15 proved by the board.

16           B. A graduate of a regional vocational high  
17 school 2-year electrical program approved by the  
18 Electricians' Examining Board shall be eligible  
19 to write the journeyman's examination, as long as  
20 he has worked for 8,000 hours in the field of  
21 electrical installations under the supervision of  
22 a master electrician or the equivalent.

23           C. An individual who has satisfactorily com-  
24 pleted a one-year course of instruction certified  
25 by the Electricians' Examining Board at a  
26 vocational-technical institute may take the  
27 journeyman's examination and after passage of the  
28 examination and after working in the field of  
29 electrical installation for 4,000 hours under the  
30 supervision of a master electrician or the equiv-  
31 alent shall receive a journeyman's license. An  
32 individual who has satisfactorily completed a  
33 2-year course of instruction certified by the  
34 Electricians' Examining Board at a  
35 vocational-technical institute may take the  
36 journeyman's examination and after passage of the  
37 examination and after working in the field of  
38 electrical installation for 2,000 hours under the  
39 supervision of a master electrician or the equiv-  
40 alent shall receive a journeyman's license.

41           D. For a master electrician's license, the ap-  
42 plicant must have at least 2,000 hours of service  
43 as a journeyman electrician or at least 12,000

1 hours of service as an apprentice or helper elec-  
2 trician or at least 12,000 hours of experience in  
3 electrical installations, as defined in section  
4 1101, and have satisfactorily completed a program  
5 of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the  
6 Electricians' Examining Board and have completed  
7 a course of not less than 45 hours in the current  
8 National Electrical Code, the course to be ap-  
9 proved by the Electricians' Examining Board.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This new draft reduces the number of hours of ex-  
12 perience needed to qualify for a journeyman  
13 electrician's license after graduating from a 2-year  
14 program at a vocational-technical institute from  
15 4,000 hours to 2,000 hours. A graduate from a one-  
16 year program must still obtain 4,000 hours of experi-  
17 ence. To obtain a master's license, an applicant  
18 must have at least 2,000 hours of experience as a  
19 journeyman rather than the current 4,000 hours.

20 These standards provide for an adequate amount of  
21 training to ensure competent electricians without  
22 making the standards so high that they are prohibi-  
23 tive and discourage people from entering this field.

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