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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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9 H.P. 1547 House of Representatives, March 14, 1986

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

11 Referred to the Committee on Business and Commerce. Sent up for
concurrence and ordered printed.

12 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

13 Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland, Representative
Aliberti of Lewiston and Representative Whitcomb of Waldo.

14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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19 AN ACT to Correct Eligibility Requirements
20 for Licensure as a Master Electrician.
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22 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, certain persons were working as appren-
26 tice or helper electricians in 1981 when the law be-
27 came effective; and

28 Whereas, these persons were allowed to progress
29 to the journeyman level under the former law; and

30 Whereas, a provision for them to progress to the
31 master level under the former law was inadvertently
32 left out; and

33 Whereas, this would cause a great hardship for
34 certain journeyman electricians to meet current re-
35 quirements; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and re-
10 placed by PL 1981, c. 670, is amended to read:

11 A. For a journeyman electrician's or limited li-
12 cense, at least 8,000 hours of service as an ap-
13 prentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000
14 hours of experience in electrical installations
15 as defined in section 1101, and satisfactory com-
16 pletion of a program of study comprising 576
17 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining
18 Board and completion of a course of not less than
19 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code,
20 the course to be approved by the board. A gradu-
21 ate of a regional vocational high school 2-year
22 electrical program approved by the Electricians'
23 Examining Board shall be eligible to write the
24 journeyman's examination, as long as he has
25 worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical
26 installations under the supervision of a master
27 electrician or the equivalent. Any person who
28 has at least 2 years' service as an apprentice or
29 helper electrician may take the examination for a
30 journeyman's or limited license and shall receive
31 a license if he passes, provided that he was li-
32 censed as an apprentice or helper electrician un-
33 der subsection 3 on January 1, 1981, that he ap-
34 plies for the examination in accordance with sec-
35 tion 1203 before January 1, 1983, and that he
36 takes the examination within 6 months of his be-
37 coming eligible to do so. Upon the effective
38 date of this paragraph, the board shall notify,
39 by certified mail, return receipt requested, all
40 persons who were licensed as apprentice or helper
41 electricians on January 1, 1981, of the provi-
42 sions of the preceding sentence. For a master
43 electrician's license, at least 4,000 hours of
44 service as a journeyman electrician or at least

1 12,000 hours of service as an apprentice or
2 helper electrician or at least 12,000 hours of
3 experience in electrical installations, as de-
4 fined in section 1101, and satisfactory comple-
5 tion of a program of study comprising 576 hours
6 as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board
7 and completion of a course of not less than 45
8 hours in the current National Electrical Code,
9 the course to be approved by the Electricians'
10 Examining Board. Any person who holds a journey-
11 man electrician's or limited license issued prior
12 to June 18, 1981, or any person licensed as an
13 apprentice or helper electrician under subsection
14 2 on January 1, 1981, who received a journeyman's
15 or limited license pursuant to this section shall
16 be eligible to take the examination for a master
17 electrician's license, provided that the appli-
18 cant has completed the number of hours of service
19 or experience required by this subsection; and

20 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
21 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
22 proved.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 In 1981 when the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
25 32, section 1202, was added, certain persons already
26 working toward licensure as electricians were permit-
27 ted to progress to the journeyman level under the
28 former law. A provision for them to progress to the
29 master level under the former law was inadvertently
30 left out.

31 These same individuals would now have to go back
32 to school with beginning electricians in order to be
33 allowed to take the examination for the master elec-
34 tricians' level. It would cause a great hardship for
35 these individuals to give up jobs in order to get re-
36 quired, but unnecessary, schooling.

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