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Presented by Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland, Representative BAILEY of Farmington and Representative MAYO of Thomaston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Allow Graduates of the Department of Corrections Vocational-electrical Program to be Eligible to Apply for the Journeyman-in-training License.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 1 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1202, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by 3 PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §120, is amended to read: 5 A. For a journeyman electrician's license, a person must: 7 Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an (1)9 apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours of experience in electrical installations, as 11 defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited 13 institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours 15 of required study, including an approved course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code; and 351 hours of elective study, comprised of all 17 trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses; 19 21 (2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional vocational high school 2-year electrical program, have worked for 23 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the 25 equivalent and have completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the 27 course to be approved by the board; 29 graduate accredited (3) Be а of an vocational-technical institute or Department of 31 Corrections vocational-electrical program, have worked for 4,000 hours in the field • of electrical 33 installations under supervision of the а electrician or the equivalent and have completed a 35 course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may 37 write the journeyman's examination upon graduation if 39 application is made within one year of graduation; or Be an electrical apprentice registered with the 41 (4) Maine State Apprenticeship and Training Council and 43 have completed 576 hours of related instruction, as defined in this paragraph, prescribed in 45 apprenticeship program, the 8,000-hour approved program and a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by 47 the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the journeyman's examination after completion of 49 the 576 hours of instruction, if application is made

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within one year of the completion of the instruction.

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Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. B, §7, is amended to read:

D. For a journeyman-in-training electricians' license, a person must be a graduate of an accredited Maine vocational-technical institute <u>or Department of Corrections</u> <u>vocational-</u>electrical program, receive a passing grade on the journeyman examination and complete 2,000 hours of experience. This provision shall be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business legislation by March 1, 1991, and, unless continued by law, shall terminate at this time.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Corrections has an electrical training program which is as intensive as that offered by the Maine vocational-technical system and which is accredited by the same authorities that accredit the vocational-technical programs. Under current law, however, only vocational-technical school graduates are eligible to apply for a journeyman-in-training license. This bill would provide an equal opportunity for the Department of Corrections program graduates.