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

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Harrison and Representative WALKER of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Allow All Candidates for an Electrician's License to Take the Examination Immediately Upon Completing Their Education.

(After Deadline)



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

3 **32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt.
5 A, §120, is further amended to read:

7 A. For a journeyman electrician's license, a person must:

9 (1) Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an
11 apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000
13 hours of experience in electrical installations, as
15 defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a
17 program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by
19 the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited
21 institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours
23 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
trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related
courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses.
Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the
journeyman's examination after completion of the 576
hours of instruction, if application is made within one
year of the completion of the instruction;

25 (2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional vocational
27 high school 2-year electrical program, have worked for
29 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations
under the supervision of a master electrician or the
equivalent and have completed a 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 write the journeyman's
examination upon graduation if application is made
within one year of graduation;

35 (3) Be a graduate of an accredited Maine
37 vocational-technical institute electrical program, have
39 worked for 4,000 hours in the field of electrical
installations under the supervision of a master
41 electrician or the equivalent and have completed a
43 course of not less than 45 hours in the current
National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by
45 the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may
write the journeyman's examination upon graduation if
application is made within one year of graduation; or

47 (4) Be an electrical apprentice registered with the
49 Maine State Apprenticeship and Training Council and
51 have completed 576 hours of related instruction, as
defined in this paragraph, prescribed in their
apprenticeship program, the 8,000-hour approved program
and a course of not less than 45 hours in the current

1 National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by
3 the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may
5 write the journeyman's examination after completion of
the 576 hours of instruction, if application is made
within one year of the completion of the instruction.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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11 Currently, persons who graduated from a vocational-technical
13 institute program or are registered with the Apprenticeship and
Training Council and have completed 576 hours of study approved
15 by the Electricians' Examining Board may immediately take the
examination required to be a licensed electrician and complete
17 the experience requirement for being licensed after taking the
exam. This bill gives the same privileges to any person
19 completing the 576 hours or any person who graduated from a high
school 2-year electrical program. The latter 2 groups currently
21 must have obtained the experience required for licensure before
they may take the license exam.