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S.P. 565

In Senate, April 11, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

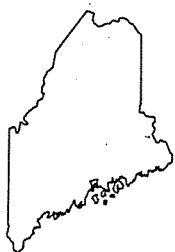
Presented by Senator MILLS of Oxford

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, President PRAY of Penobscot and Representative PINEAU of Jay.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Electricians' Licensing Laws.



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

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4 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 1987, c.
735, §43, is repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by
PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §91, is amended to read:

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

10 (1) Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an
12 apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000
14 hours of experience in electrical installations, as
16 defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a
18 program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by
20 the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited
22 institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours
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;

24 ~~(2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional vocational~~
26 ~~high school 2 year electrical program, have worked for~~
28 ~~8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations~~
30 ~~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;

32 (3) Be a graduate of an accredited Maine technical
34 college electrical program or a vocational electrical
36 program of the Department of Corrections, have worked
for 4,000 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; or

44 (4) Be an electrical apprentice registered with the
46 State Apprenticeship and Training Council and have
48 completed 576 hours of related instruction, as defined
50 in this paragraph, prescribed in their apprenticeship
52 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 the
board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may
write the journeyman's examination after completion of

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the 576 hours of instruction, if application is made within one year of the completion of the instruction.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §92, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires a minimum of 8,000 hours of actual on-site experience for a journeyman electrician's license regardless of other training, abolishes educational credit for secondary level vocational schooling and abolishes the journeyman-in-training concept from the electricians' licensing laws by repealing the definition of journeyman-in-training electrician. The bill also clearly repeals the provision for this level of license that, by its own terms, terminates March 1, 1991 unless continued by the Legislature.