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H.P. 162

House of Representatives, January 16, 1997

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Electricians.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Portland, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. H, §25, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§4-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 325, §5, is further amended to read:

4-A. **Supervision.** One apprentice electrician ~~or one helper~~ electrician may work with and under the supervision of each master electrician, limited electrician or journeyman electrician. A master electrician who teaches an electrical course at a Maine applied technology center, a Maine applied technology region or a Maine technical college may have a maximum of 12 ~~helper-electricians~~ students under direct supervision while making electrical installations that are a part of the instructional program of the school, as long as the total value of each installation does not exceed \$2,500. An electrical installation may not be commenced pursuant to this subsection without the prior approval of the director or president of the school at which the master electrician is an instructor. These installations are limited to those done in buildings or facilities owned or controlled by:

A. School administrative units;

B. Nonprofit organizations; and

C. Households as defined in Title 36, sections 6206 and 6207.

The Electricians' Examining Board and the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which the installation is to be made, if the municipality has an inspector, must be notified of all installation projects entered into pursuant to this subsection prior to the commencement of the project. There must be an inspection by a state electrical inspector or by the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which the installation has been made, if the municipality has an inspector, before any wiring on the project is concealed.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1151, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c. 237, §1, is further amended to read:

The 7 appointive members consist of: one master electrician experienced in low-energy electronics; one electrician who is a bona fide member from organized labor classified as an inside journeyman wireman electrician; one electrical inspector; one master electrician from the education field; and one person experienced in the electrical field, all of whom must have at

2 least 10 years of experience in the electrical field, ~~provided~~ ,
3 except that the latter 3 need not be active electricians at the
4 time of their appointment; and 2 representatives of the public.
5 At the time of each appointment, the State Electrical Associates
6 may nominate 3 persons for that appointment. To the extent the
7 State Electrical Associates ~~se~~ nominates persons otherwise
8 qualified for appointment to the board, the appointive members,
9 other than the representatives of the public, may be selected
10 from the persons ~~se~~ this nominated.

12 SUMMARY

14 This bill amends the laws governing electricians as follows:

16 1. It deletes the designation "helper electrician" and
17 eliminates references to helper electricians.

18 2. It changes reference from "inside electrician" to
20 "inside journeyman wireman electrician."