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An Act To Provide Parity in the Laws Regarding Licensing of Electricians

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McKANE of Newcastle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 349, §67 and
3 by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and as affected by §4, is further amended to read:

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

5 (1) Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an apprentice or helper
6 electrician or at least 8,000 hours of experience in electrical installations, as
7 defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a program of study
8 comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board or from
9 an accredited institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours of required
10 study, including an approved course of not less than 45 hours in the current
11 National Electrical Code; and 351 hours of elective study, comprised of all trade-
12 related electives or 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-
13 related courses;

14 (2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-
15 year electrical program, have worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical
16 installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent and
17 have completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National
18 Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board;

19 (3) Be a graduate of an accredited ~~Maine~~ community college electrical program
20 or a vocational-electrical program of the Department of Corrections, have worked
21 for 4,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a
22 master electrician or the equivalent and have completed a course of not less than
23 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the
24 board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the journeyman's
25 examination upon graduation if application is made within one year of
26 graduation; or

27 (4) Be an electrical apprentice registered with the State Apprenticeship and
28 Training Council and have completed 576 hours of related instruction, as defined
29 in this paragraph, prescribed in their apprenticeship program, the 8,000-hour
30 approved program and a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National
31 Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board. Persons qualifying
32 under this paragraph may write the journeyman's examination after completion of
33 the 576 hours of instruction; if application is made within one year of the
34 completion of the instruction.

35 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 325, §13 and
36 by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and as affected by §4, is further amended to read:

37 D. For a journeyman-in-training electrician's license, a person must be a graduate of
38 an accredited ~~Maine~~ community college or Department of ~~Corrections~~ Corrections'
39 electrical program, receive a passing grade on the ~~journeyman~~ journeyman's
40 examination and complete 2,000 hours of experience.

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SUMMARY

2 This bill creates parity between an applicant for licensure as a journeyman electrician
3 or a journeyman-in-training electrician who is a graduate of an electrical program of a
4 Maine community college and an applicant for licensure who is a graduate of an electrical
5 program of an accredited community college that is not located in Maine.