

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act To Promote Safety and Career Paths in the Electrical Trade

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 President EDMONDS of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Helper license; educational requirements.** The requirements for a helper  
4 license on or after January 1, 2008 are as follows.

5 A. An applicant who meets the requirements for a helper license and obtains a helper  
6 license has 2 years to renew from the initial licensure as a helper. Upon renewal, a  
7 helper must demonstrate either:

8 (1) Completion of an electrical program at a regional high school;

9 (2) Current enrollment in an electrical program at a community college; or

10 (3) Current enrollment in a registered apprentice program.

11 B. At the time of each license renewal after the first renewal cycle, the renewal  
12 applicant must demonstrate progress toward completing the total number of hours of  
13 education to be eligible to take the journeyman electrician examination as set forth in  
14 subsection 1, paragraph A.

15 C. An individual who obtains a helper license on or after January 1, 2008 has 12  
16 years to become eligible to take the journeyman electrician examination.

17 An individual who holds a valid electrician's helper's license under subsection 2 before  
18 January 1, 2008 is not affected by this subsection.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 The bill encourages individuals seeking to enter the electrical installation field to  
21 enroll in a state-registered apprenticeship program or a community college program of  
22 electrical study. On or after January 1, 2008, applicants for a helper license are required  
23 to demonstrate progress toward completion of a formal course of study in order to renew  
24 the license after the first renewal cycle. The bill does not affect current licensees of the  
25 board who are validly licensed as helpers before January 1, 2008.