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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 556, L.D. 1583, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Electricians' Examining Board Licensing Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation removes an unnecessary statutory barrier that currently prevents individuals who are licensed as electricians in other jurisdictions from obtaining comparable licenses from the Electricians' Examining Board; and

Whereas, this legislation encourages qualified professionals to move to the State and contribute positively to the state economy; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4173, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

5. Where permit is not required. The installation or alteration of electrical equipment in municipalities ~~which~~ that do not require a permit and in the unorganized territories is governed by Title 32, section ~~1102-B~~ 1102-C.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1101 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "electrician" the following: 'in an apprenticeship program registered pursuant to 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 29.3 (2016) with

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1 the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship or a state apprenticeship
2 agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship'

3 Amend the bill in section 1 in §1101 by striking out all of subsection 1-C (page 1,
4 lines 15 to 17 in L.D.)

5 Amend the bill in section 1 in §1101 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 30
6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "licensed person making" and inserting the
7 following: 'person ~~making~~ licensed to make'

8 Amend the bill in section 1 in §1101 in subsection 4 in the first 2 lines (page 2, lines
9 1 and 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "licensed person making" and inserting the
10 following: 'person ~~making~~ licensed to make'

11 Amend the bill in section 1 in §1101 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 2, line 28
12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "licensed"

13 Amend the bill in section 1 in §1101 in subsection 5 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 29 in
14 L.D.) by striking out the following: "making" and inserting the following: 'licensed to
15 make'

16 Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

17 '**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1102-B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 286, Pt. B, §5 and Pt. F,
18 §§6 to 8 and c. 290, §§7 and 8, is repealed.'

19 Amend the bill in section 15 in §1202-A in subsection 4 in the first line (page 9, line
20 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4." and inserting the following: '3.'

21 Amend the bill in section 15 in §1202-A in subsection 4 in paragraph B by striking
22 out all of subparagraphs (1) to (3) (page 9, lines 37 to 42 in L.D.) and inserting the
23 following:

24 '(1) Completed at least 2,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a
25 licensed helper electrician under the direct supervision of a master electrician,
26 journeyman electrician or limited electrician; graduated from an accredited
27 community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of a
28 state department of corrections; and completed a course of 45 hours in the current
29 National Electrical Code; or

30 (2) Comparable work experience or education or training, or a combination of
31 work experience, education and training, completed within the State or outside
32 the State, that is acceptable to the board.'

33 Amend the bill in section 15 in §1202-A in subsection 5 in the first line (page 10, line
34 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5." and inserting the following: '4.'

35 Amend the bill in section 15 in §1202-A in subsection 5 in paragraph B by striking
36 out all of subparagraph (1) (page 10, lines 18 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

37 '(1) Worked at least 12,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a
38 licensed helper electrician or apprentice electrician under the direct supervision
39 of a master election, journeyman electrician or limited electrician, or worked at
40 least 4,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a journeyman electrician
41 or journeyman-in-training electrician under the indirect supervision of a master

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1 electrician or limited electrician and having completed a program of study
2 consisting of 576 hours as approved by the board or from an accredited
3 institution. The 576 hours must consist of 450 hours of required study, including
4 a course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code and 126 hours of
5 degree-related courses; or'

6 Amend the bill in section 15 in §1202-A in subsection 6 in the first line (page 10, line
7 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "6." and inserting the following: '5.'

8 Amend the bill in section 15 in §1202-A in subsection 6 in paragraph A by inserting
9 at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

10 'A limited electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have
11 completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by
12 the board or from an accredited institution; 2 apprentice electricians; or one helper
13 electrician. A limited electrician may supervise helper electricians or apprentice
14 electricians only in the performance of electrical installations authorized by the
15 limited electrician's specific limited license category.'

16 Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

17 **'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
18 legislation takes effect when approved.'

19 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
20 section number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment adds provisions that allow a limited electrician to supervise licensed
23 helper and apprentice electricians to the same extent as under current law and that allow
24 applicants for a master electrician license to count hours worked as an apprentice
25 electrician toward the 12,000-hour experience requirement, as is permitted in current law.

26 This amendment also makes technical changes to the bill and adds an emergency
27 preamble and emergency clause.