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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 59, L.D. 126, "An Act To Allow a Journeyman Electrician To Supervise Three Helper Electricians"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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'An Act To Allow Electricians To Supervise More Helper Electricians and Apprentice Electricians'

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended to read:

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A. A journeyman electrician may make electrical installations while employed by a supervising master electrician, limited electrician or electrical company. A person licensed under this subsection may supervise:

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(1) Two helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution and one helper electrician who is not enrolled in or has not completed such a program;

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(2) Two apprentice electricians; or

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(3) One helper electrician- when working on an industrial electrical installation as defined by the board by rule;

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(4) Two helper electricians when working on a residential, commercial or solar electrical installation as defined by the board by rule; or

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(5) One apprentice electrician and one helper electrician.

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Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

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A master electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution and one helper electrician who is not enrolled in or has not completed such a program; 2 apprentice electricians; ~~or one helper electrician when working on an industrial electrical installation as defined by the board by rule~~; 2 helper electricians when working on a residential, commercial or solar electrical installation as defined by the board by rule; or one apprentice electrician and one helper electrician. Any helper electrician or apprentice electrician must be employed by a master electrician and be under the master electrician's supervision.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

A limited electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution and one helper electrician who is not enrolled in or has not completed such a program; 2 apprentice electricians; ~~or one helper electrician when working on an industrial electrical installation as defined by the board by rule~~; 2 helper electricians when working on a residential, commercial or solar electrical installation as defined by the board by rule; or one apprentice electrician and one helper electrician. A limited electrician may supervise helper electricians or apprentice electricians only in the performance of electrical installations authorized by the limited electrician's specific limited license category.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the number of apprentice electricians and helper electricians that a journeyman, master and limited electrician can supervise. Current law allows journeyman, master and limited electricians to supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or who have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution. This amendment allows the supervision of such helper electricians and one helper electrician who is not enrolled in, or has not completed, such a program. Current law also allows the supervision of 2 apprentice electricians or one helper electrician. The amendment also allows the supervision of one helper electrician in an industrial electrical application, 2 helper electricians in residential, commercial and solar applications or one apprentice electrician and one helper electrician.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Allow a Journeyman Electrician To Supervise Three Helper Electricians

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment # "(S-79)"
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Electricians' Examining Board within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional dedicated revenue from licensing fees due to an increase in the number of licenses issued for helper electricians as a result of the changes proposed in this legislation is expected to be minor.