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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Smith of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Create a Board of Electrical Examiners and
Inspection.

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

Section 1. This act to provide for the appointment by the
2 governor of three persons to act as a board of examiners
3 of persons engaged in the wiring of buildings, both com-
4 mercial and residential, for electric lighting, heating and
5 power, all voltages included.

Each person so appointed shall have had not less than ten
2 years' experience in the electrical business and shall be fully
3 qualified and conversant with the rules of the National
4 Board of Fire Underwriters and shall not at time of ap-
5 pointment be employed by any public utility.

One shall be appointed for three years and shall be chairman of the board, one for two years and one for one year, each to receive a salary of two hundred fifty dollars per year and fifteen cents per mile traveling expenses.

They shall hold two examinations each year, January tenth and July tenth, at the State House, Augusta, Maine, at which time they shall give to all applicants a written examination on interior wiring for electric light and power.

Sect. 2. Any applicant, upon successfully passing examination, shall be given a permit and shall be charged a fee of ten dollars, said permit to be renewed each January first of each year for which a renewal fee of five dollars shall be charged.

No person without permit shall be allowed to do any wiring within the borders of the state of Maine except that he be a helper, employed less than one year, and working under the direction of a holder of state permit, who shall be held responsible for any defective wiring done by said person.

Sect. 3. The board of examiners may at any time cancel the permit of any person who upon complaint of a qualified inspector that said holder of permit has not complied with the rules and regulations of this act and the National Board of Fire Underwriters; said person to be restrained from performing any job of wiring except that it be under the direction of a person holding a permit who in turn shall be held responsible for the proper execution of such work.

Any person who has had permit cancelled who shall engage
2 in the wiring of buildings for electric light and power and
3 who is not working under direction of a permit holder shall,
4 upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than
5 fifteen dollars or more than thirty dollars, and shall be
6 restrained from performing any job of interior wiring for
7 a period of one year. Any person, being so disqualified,
8 may at the end of one year be reinstated by the board of
9 examiners, after successfully passing an examination before
10 the board and shall pay a reinstatement fee of ten dollars
11 and shall be issued a permit of reinstatement.

Sect. 4. The provisions of this act shall not in any way
2 conflict with ordinances in effect in any city or town in the
3 state of Maine except that it requires all persons except
4 apprentices with less than one year of experience, in the
5 state engaged in the wiring of buildings to hold permits and
6 that all work must be done in accordance with the rules
7 of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. At the first
8 examination of each year, the board of examiners shall be
9 authorized to appoint from the successful applicants for
10 permits, one person in each county in the state to be desig-
11 nated as state electrical inspectors, whose duty it shall be
12 to make an inspection of their respective counties three
13 times a year, for which they shall receive for annual salary,
14 three hundred dollars and traveling expenses of fifteen cents
15 per mile. They shall make report of their inspection on

16 forms furnished to the board of examiners after each in-
17 spection.

They shall cooperate with the regular inspectors of towns
2 and cities and the authorized inspector of the National Board
3 of Fire Underwriters.

Sect. 5. The board of examiners shall adopt as standard
2 the rules of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and
3 shall furnish a copy of such rules to all applicants for per-
4 mits, upon receipt of twenty cents.

The rules of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shall
2 govern in all cases under dispute and the opinion of three
3 inspectors designated by the board of examiners shall be
4 final.

The board of examiners shall adopt the forms of permits
2 and inspectors reports and all such other forms as may be
3 necessary for the business of the board. They shall notify
4 all persons interested before the time examinations are to
5 be held and shall mail to each prospective applicant a regis-
6 tration card to be filled out and returned to the board at
7 the State House, Augusta, Maine.