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Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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AN ACT Revising the Law Relating to Licensing of Electricians.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 82, § 2, repealed and replaced.** Section 2 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**‘Sec. 2. Definitions.** The following words and phrases when used in sections 1 to 14, inclusive, shall be construed as follows:

I. “Electrical installations” shall mean the installation, repair, alteration and maintenance of electrical conductors, fittings, devices and fixtures for heating, lighting or power purposes. They shall not include the installation or repair of portable appliances and other portable electrical equipment, installation of which involves only the insertion of an attachment plug into a receptacle outlet. It is the meaning and intent of this subsection that the word “portable” shall not include or apply to any type of fixed electrically operated or driven equipment.

II. The words “master electrician” as used in this chapter shall mean a person, firm or corporation, qualified under this chapter, engaging in, or about to engage in, the business of installing electrical wires, conduits apparatus, fixtures and other electrical equipment. The certificate shall specify the name of the person, who, in case of a firm, shall be one of its members or employees and in case of a corporation, one of its officers or employees passing said examination, by which he or it shall be authorized to enter upon or engage in business as set forth herein.

III. The words “journeyman electrician” as used in this chapter shall mean a person doing work of installing electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures

and other electrical equipment in the employment of a master electrician. Each master electrician or journeyman electrician may have one apprentice electrician, or one helper electrician working with him and under his personal supervision.

IV. The words "apprentice electrician" shall mean a person who is as defined in sections 148 to 154, inclusive, of chapter 30 and who is engaged in learning and assisting in making electrical installations under the direct supervision of a master or journeyman electrician.

V. The words "helper electrician" shall mean a person who is engaged in learning and assisting in making electrical installations under the direct supervision of a master or journeyman electrician but does not qualify under subsection IV.

VI. A limited license to install and service a specific type of equipment shall be granted to any person who has passed a satisfactory examination before the State Board of Examiners of Electricians. It shall specify the name of such person who shall be limited to engage in the occupation of installing and servicing the type of equipment only authorized by this license.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 82, § 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 3. Appointment of Electricians Examining Board; vacancies; removal of members; compensation. An Electricians Examining Board, hereinafter in sections 3 to 14, inclusive, called "the Board" is hereby established and shall consist of an Executive Secretary, who shall be the Insurance Commissioner or a representative from the Insurance Department delegated by the Insurance Commissioner and 6 other members, hereinafter called the appointive members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. Two of said appointive members shall be electricians who are active in the trade and who have had at least 5 years' experience as such electricians. The other 4 appointive members shall be persons who have had at least 10 years' experience in the electrical field as electricians, electrical inspectors or otherwise and who need not be active electricians at the time of appointment. Said appointive members shall be appointed for terms of 2 years and may be reappointed. As the terms of said appointive members expire, new appointive members shall be appointed for terms of 2 years. It is the intent of the Legislature that the present members of the Board shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms. Any vacancy in said Board caused by death, resignation or removal of any member shall be filled by the appointment of a person qualified as aforesaid, to hold office during the unexpired term of the member whose place is thus filled. Any member of said Board may be removed from office for cause, by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. The members of the Board shall each be allowed the sum of \$15 per day and their necessary travelling expenses for actual attendance upon an examination of candidates for license, and for any necessary hearings.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 82, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 4. Employees. The Board shall be empowered to appoint and remove, subject to the provisions of the personnel law, such employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 82, § 6, sub-§ II, ¶ A, repealed and replaced.** Paragraph A of subsection II of section 6 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**‘A. At least 2 years’ service as an apprentice electrician, except that the Board may give such credit as it deems justified toward such service for satisfactory completion of a course of instruction in the trade in a school approved by the Board, or in lieu thereof eligibility may be determined by the satisfactory passing of an examination conducted by the Board.’**

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 82, § 7, repealed and replaced.** Section 7 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**‘Sec. 7. Examinations for license. Each applicant for license shall present to the Executive Secretary of the Board on blanks furnished by the Board, a written application for examination and license, containing such information as the Board may require, accompanied by the required fee of \$10 for a master’s license, \$5 for a journeyman’s license, \$3 for a limited license or \$1 for an apprentice or helper’s license. Examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing and shall be of a thorough and practical character. They shall include such provisions of the National Electric Code as the Board may deem appropriate. Any person failing to pass his first such examination may be re-examined at any subsequent meeting of said Board, within 1 year of such first examination without additional fee and thereafter may be examined as often as he may desire upon the payment of the required fee as set forth above.’**

**Sec. 6. R. S., c. 82, § 8, repealed and replaced.** Section 8 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**‘Sec. 8. Renewal of licenses. All licenses issued as aforesaid shall expire 1 year from date of issue and they may be renewed thereafter for periods of 1 year without further examination on payment of a fee of \$3 for a master’s license, \$2 for a journeyman’s license, \$1 for a limited, apprentice or helper’s license.’**

**Sec. 7. R. S., c. 82, § 13, sub-§ VIII, repealed and replaced.** Subsection VIII of section 13 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**‘VIII. Regular employees of owners or lessees of real property when working as such.’**

**Sec. 8. R. S., c. 82, § 13-A, additional.** Chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 13-A, to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 13-A. Funds for enforcement. The Insurance Commissioner is hereby empowered to expend up to 20% of the funds accrued to the Electricians Examining Board for the employment of one or more State Fire Inspectors subject to the provisions of the personnel law to assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and for the purchase of necessary electrical testing equipment.’**