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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2007**

This section is repealed September 30, 2007 2009.

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

Effective June 21, 2007.

**CHAPTER 398  
H.P. 986 - L.D. 1403**

**An Act To Provide Parity in  
the Laws Regarding Licensing  
of Electricians**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 349, §67 and by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and as affected by §4, is further amended to read:

A. For a journeyman electrician's license, a person must:

(1) Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours of experience in electrical installations, as defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours of required study, including an approved course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code; and 351 hours of elective study, comprised of all trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses;

(2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program, have worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent and have completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board;

(3) Be a graduate of an accredited ~~Maine~~ community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of the Department of Corrections, have worked for 4,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent and have completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be ap-

proved by the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the journeyman's examination upon graduation if application is made within one year of graduation; or

(4) Be an electrical apprentice registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council and have completed 576 hours of related instruction, as defined in this paragraph, prescribed in their apprenticeship program, the 8,000-hour approved program and a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the journeyman's examination after completion of the 576 hours of instruction, if application is made within one year of the completion of the instruction.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 325, §13 and by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and as affected by §4, is further amended to read:

D. For a journeyman-in-training electrician's license, a person must be a graduate of an accredited ~~Maine~~ community college or Department of ~~Corrections~~ Corrections' electrical program, receive a passing grade on the ~~journeyman journeyman's~~ examination and complete 2,000 hours of experience.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 399  
S.P. 610 - L.D. 1743**

**An Act Concerning the  
Sustainable Use of and  
Planning for Water Resources**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3331, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

**8. Water Resources Planning Committee.** The council shall convene the Water Resources Planning Committee, referred to in this subsection as "the committee."

A. The committee's membership must include, at a minimum:

(1) Personnel from:

(a) The Department of Conservation, Maine Geological Survey;