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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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law, the Public Transportation program within the Department of Transportation is renamed the Multimodal - Transit program.

PART F

Sec. F-1. Lapsed balances; Highway Fund; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$170,263 of unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category in the Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account in the Department of the Secretary of State lapses to the Highway Fund no later than June 30, 2012.

PART G

Sec. G-1. Carrying provision; Administration - Motor Vehicles; International Fuel Tax Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance on June 30, 2012 up to \$600,000 in the All Other line category in the Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State to be used for the acquisition and installation of an international fuel tax agreement system to replace the IFTA Regional Processing Center in New York State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective April 18, 2012.

CHAPTER 650

H.P. 1353 - L.D. 1833

An Act To Encourage Enrollment in Electrical Education Programs

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§4-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 286, Pt. F, §4, is further amended to read:

4-A. Supervision. ~~One~~ Two apprentice electrician ~~or electricians,~~ one helper electrician ~~or 2 helper electricians who are both currently enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited institution may work with and under the direct supervision of each a~~ master electrician, limited electrician or journeyman electrician. A master electrician who teaches an electrical course at a Maine career and technical education center, a Maine career and technical education region, a Maine community college or an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of Labor may have a maximum of 12 helper or apprentice electricians under direct supervision while making electrical installations that are a part of the instructional program of the school or apprenticeship program, as long as the total value of each installation does not exceed \$5,000. An electrical installation may not be commenced pursuant to this subsection without the prior approval of the director or president of the school or apprenticeship program at which the master electrician is an instructor. These installations are limited to those done in buildings or facilities owned or controlled by:

A. School administrative units; and
 B. Nonprofit organizations.

The Electricians' Examining Board and the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which the installation is to be made, if the municipality has an inspector, must be notified of all installation projects entered into pursuant to this subsection prior to the commencement of the project. There must be an inspection by a state electrical inspector or by the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which the installation has been made, if the municipality has an inspector, before any wiring on the project is concealed.

Sec. 2. Rules. The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall amend its rules pertaining to the establishment of fees for helper electrician licenses to exempt a high school student or a community college student approved by the Electricians' Examining Board from paying the fee to obtain a helper electrician license.

Sec. 3. Report on the increase in the ratio of helper and apprentice electricians working under a master electrician, limited electrician or journeyman electrician. The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall provide a report by February 1, 2014 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters on the impact of the increase in the ratio of helper and apprentice electricians working under a master electrician, limited electrician or journeyman electrician and identify any safety issues or licensing concerns that may have arisen as a result of the increase in the ratio. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters is authorized to report out a bill on the issues raised by the increase in the ratio of helper and apprentice electricians to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.