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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 4. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to convene stakeholder group regarding licensing and operation of agency liquor stores. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall convene a stakeholder group to examine how agency liquor stores, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 1, are licensed and operated in order to better understand how agency liquor stores are distributed throughout the State and to evaluate the effectiveness of the current system for consumers, the general public, local law enforcement officials, municipalities, the State and entities licensed in this State for the sale of liquor. The stakeholder group must include, at a minimum, representatives of agency liquor stores, on-premises retail licensees as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 27, paragraph B, off-premises retail licensees as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 27, paragraph A, certificate of approval holders under Title 28-A, sections 1361 and 1381 and in-state manufacturers licensed under Title 28-A, section 1355-A; wholesale licensees as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 34; municipal representatives; and local law enforcement officials. No later than November 6, 2024, the bureau shall submit a report summarizing any conclusions reached and proposals supported by the stakeholder group, which may include suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters. The committee may submit legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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

Effective March 19, 2024.

**CHAPTER 551
H.P. 1357 - L.D. 2133**

**An Act to Expand the Use of
Career and Technical
Education Centers in the
Development of the Electrician
Workforce**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is a shortage of electricians in the State; and

Whereas, this legislation will enable applicants for a journeyman-in-training electrician license to use completion of approved career and technical education

programs toward qualification for the license examination and to receive a significant credit of work hours toward the work hours required for licensure; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect immediately in order to allow more applicants for journeyman-in-training electrician licensure to qualify sooner; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 327, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Completion of at least 2,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician and a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 327, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Comparable work experience, education or training, or any combination of comparable work experience, education or training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1202-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 327, §2, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Completion of a 2-year secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to Title 20-A, section 8306-B and completion of at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician. An individual applying pursuant to this subparagraph may take the examination upon graduating from the program and is credited 1,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations. The individual must complete any remaining work hours prior to applying for a journeyman-in-training license.

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

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