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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1478

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE REQUIRED RE-TESTING OF AN  
9 ELECTRICIAN WHO FAILS TO TIMELY RENEW HIS OR HER  
10 LICENSE; TO PROVIDE MONETARY PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO  
11 TIMELY RENEW A LICENSE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 ELECTRICIAN WHO FAILS TO TIMELY RENEW HIS  
17 OR HER LICENSE; TO PROVIDE MONETARY  
18 PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY RENEW A  
19 LICENSE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-28-301(b), concerning the issuance and  
26 renewal of an electrician's license and fees associated with the license, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (b)(1) Licenses shall expire on the date indicated on the licenses.  
29 ~~Licenses shall expire on the last day of the month, one (1) year following~~  
30 ~~the date of the original license.~~

31 (2) The license may be renewed for a period of one (1), two (2),  
32 or three (3) years with the fee to be as follows:

33	(A) Master electrician	\$50.00 per year
34	(B) Journeyman electrician	25.00 per year
35	(C) Industrial maintenance electrician	25.00 per
36	year	



- 1 (D) Residential master electrician 50.00 per
- 2 year
- 3 (E) Residential journeyman electrician 25.00 per
- 4 year
- 5 (F) Air conditioning electrician 25.00 per year
- 6 (G) Specialist sign electrician 25.00 per year.

7 (3) ~~Any~~ A licensee may renew his or her license within ~~six (6)~~  
 8 thirty-six (36) months following the expiration date on the license by  
 9 ~~paying the renewal fee as indicated in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.~~

10 (A) The renewal fee under subdivision (b)(2) of this  
 11 section;

12 (B) A late fee equal to one (1) year of the renewal fee  
 13 plus ten dollars (\$10.00) for each calendar month between the expiration date  
 14 indicated on the license and the date of application for renewal; and

15 (C) Any outstanding monetary civil penalty.

16 (4) If a licensee shall fail to renew his or her license within  
 17 ~~six (6)~~ thirty-six (36) months after the expiration date on the license, the  
 18 licensee may ~~renew~~ reinstate his or her license by paying: ~~a penalty of ten~~  
 19 ~~dollars (\$10.00) for a journeyman or residential journeyman electrician, ten~~  
 20 ~~dollars (\$10.00) for an industrial maintenance electrician or air~~  
 21 ~~conditioning electrician, and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a master~~  
 22 ~~electrician or a residential master electrician, in addition to the regular~~  
 23 ~~renewal fees.~~

24 (A) The fees and any applicable penalty under subdivision  
 25 (b)(3) of this section; and

26 (B) An additional penalty of one thousand dollars  
 27 (\$1,000).

28 (5) ~~(A) If the license is not renewed within one (1) year after~~  
 29 ~~the expiration date on the license, the licensee shall be required to take~~  
 30 ~~another examination as administered by the Board of Electrical Examiners of~~  
 31 ~~the State of Arkansas~~ The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of  
 32 Arkansas may, after hearing, deny renewal or reinstatement of a license for  
 33 cause.

34 (B) The applicant for renewal or reinstatement of a  
 35 license may obtain a temporary license to expire on the date of his or her  
 36 hearing before the board.

1 (6) If a person simultaneously holds an electrical inspector  
 2 license and a license as a master electrician or a journeyman electrician,  
 3 the person, when renewing his or her master electrician or journeyman  
 4 electrician license, shall be exempt from the:

5 (A) Renewal fee under this section; and

6 (B) Continuing education requirements for master  
 7 electricians and journeyman electricians under § 17-28-311.

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 9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-28-311 is amended to read as follows:  
 10 17-28-311. Continuing education requirement.

11 (a) ~~No~~ A journeyman electrician ~~license licensee~~ or master electrician  
 12 ~~license licensee~~ shall be renewed unless the licensee ~~complete~~ complete at  
 13 least eight (8) hours of continuing education for each National Electrical  
 14 Code cycle before renewing his or her license.

15 (b) If a licensee fails to obtain the required continuing education  
 16 hours within a National Electrical Code cycle under subsection (a) of this  
 17 section, the licensee may not renew his or her license until the licensee:

18 (1) Obtains the required continuing education hours and submits  
 19 proof of completion of the continuing education hours to the Department of  
 20 Labor as required by the rules of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the  
 21 State of Arkansas; and

22 (2) Pays all fees and penalties required under § 17-28-301.

23 ~~(b)(1)(c)~~ The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas  
 24 shall promulgate rules to set standards for continuing education for  
 25 licensees under this section.

26 ~~(2) The rules shall include, but not be limited to, provisions~~  
 27 ~~of the National Electrical Code, as in effect on January 1, 2005.~~

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 29 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 30 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that an electrician relies on a  
 31 license to sustain his or her livelihood and provide for his or her family;  
 32 that requiring re-testing in lieu of a penalty places a significant financial  
 33 hardship on an electrician and delays the electrician's ability to legally  
 34 work; and that this act is immediately necessary because it provides an  
 35 equitable solution for the efficient renewal of an electrician's license.  
 36 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately

1 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
2 become effective on:

3 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

4 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
5 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
6 bill; or

7 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
8 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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