

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 2610

By: Representatives Files, Haak, Rackley, *Glover, Rankin, Milligan, Biggs, Willis, Bevis, Napper, Jacobs*

By: *Senator Bisbee*

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXEMPT AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, AND  
SUBCONTRACTORS PERFORMING ELECTRICAL WORK WITHIN  
AN EXISTING INDUSTRIAL FACILITY FROM ELECTRICIAN  
LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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SUBCONTRACTORS PERFORMING ELECTRICAL WORK  
WITHIN AN EXISTING INDUSTRIAL FACILITY  
FROM ELECTRICIAN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-28-102(a), concerning exemptions from  
licensure for electricians working within existing businesses, is amended to  
read as follows:

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or  
renovation by any public utility, as that term is defined by § 23-1-  
101(9)(A), by any rural electric association or cooperative, or by any  
municipally owned utility, of any transmission or distribution lines or  
facilities incidental to their business and covered under other nationally  
recognized safety standards, or to any other such activity when performed by  
any duly authorized employee, agent, contractor, or subcontractor of any such  
public utility, association, cooperative, or municipally owned utility;

(2) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or

1 renovation by any industry, as that term is defined in subsection (f) of this  
2 section, of any electric conductors or equipment or facilities incidental to  
3 their business and covered under other nationally recognized safety  
4 standards, or to any other such activity when performed by any duly  
5 *authorized employee of any such industry;*

6 (3) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or  
7 renovation of telephone equipment, computer systems, or satellite systems by  
8 a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the telecommunications or  
9 information systems industry when such activities involve low-voltage work  
10 exclusively for communication of data, voice, or for other signaling  
11 purposes, including fire alarm systems, security systems, and environmental  
12 control systems that are not an integral part of a telecommunications system;

13 (4) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or  
14 renovation of any nonresidential farm building or structure; ~~and~~

15 (5) The construction and manufacture of manufactured homes  
16 covered by the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards  
17 Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4501 et seq.; and

18 (6) Any industry, as that term is defined in subsection (f) of  
19 this section, or group of industries under common ownership or control, with  
20 assets in this state of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) or more,  
21 provided that the exemption provided in this subdivision (a)(6) shall only  
22 apply to projects commenced between July 1, 2001 and December 31, 2003.

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24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-28-308 is amended to read as follows:

25 17-28-308. Electrical apprentices.

26 Upon proper application and payment of the fee, the Board of Electrical  
27 Examiners of the State of Arkansas shall register as an electrical apprentice  
28 and issue a certificate of registration to any person who furnishes  
29 satisfactory proof that the applicant is enrolled in a school or training  
30 course for electrical apprentices certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship  
31 and Training of the U. S. Department of Labor. The board shall take such  
32 actions as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to supervise and enforce  
33 apprenticeship supervision ratios established by the board by regulation.

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35 /s/ Files  
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