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2 **79th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Senator Yates**

# A Bill

**ACT 1076 OF 1993**  
**SENATE BILL 771**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-12-304 TO PROVIDE FOR  
9 MANDATORY LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS ON PUBLIC WORKS; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS ON PUBLIC  
14 WORKS."

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

18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-25-304 is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 "17-25-304. State license optional.

21 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as requiring any  
22 individual to secure a state electrician's license or to have a state  
23 contractor's license as described in this chapter. However, those possessing  
24 such licenses shall be privileged to work anywhere within this state without  
25 having to secure additional licenses.

26 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
27 no person shall perform electrical work on a public works project covered by  
28 the provisions of Arkansas Code 22-9-201 through 22-9-211 unless such person  
29 is licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or is employed as a  
30 bona fide electrician's apprentice working under the direct supervision of a  
31 licensed electrician.

32 (c) *Nothing in this chapter shall be applicable to any construction,*  
33 *installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation by a public utility regulated*  
34 *by the Public Service Commission, by a rural electric association or*  
35 *cooperative, or by a municipal utility, or any transmission or distribution*  
36 *lines or facilities incidental to their business and covered under other*

1 national recognized safety standards."

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3 SECTION 2. Subchapter 3 of Chapter 25 of Title 17 is amended to add a  
4 new section at the end thereof to read as follows:

5 "17-25-307. Grandfather clause. Applicants for a license pursuant to  
6 the provisions of this chapter shall be exempt from the examination  
7 requirement of 17-25-203, provided the applicant:

8 (a) has a current license of the same class issued by an Arkansas  
9 municipality prior to April 1, 1993;

10 (b) has not had a municipal electrician's license or a state  
11 electrician's license suspended or revoked for cause;

12 (c) submits the appropriate fees; and

13 (d) applies for a license prior to September 1, 1993."

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15 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
21 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
23 Act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
26 hereby repealed.

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28 SECTION 6. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the  
29 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly that the lack of qualified and licensed  
30 electricians on public works projects creates a public safety risk and  
31 increases the costs to the state and its political subdivisions on such  
32 projects. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act being  
33 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
34 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and  
35 approval.

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