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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2127

"TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC SIGNS AND TO PROVIDE FOR
THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE INSTALLATION
OF ELECTRIC SIGNS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2127.

Amend House Bill No. 2127 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-28-101 is amended to read as follows:
17-28-101. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Air conditioning electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who is limited to a license classification possessing the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge for the installation, maintenance, and extension of electrical conductors and equipment solely for the purpose of supplying heating and air conditioning and refrigeration units;

(2) "Electrical apprentice" means ~~any~~ a person whose principal occupation is the learning of and assisting in the installation of electrical work under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or master electrician;

(3) "Electrical contractor" means ~~any~~ a person, member, or employee of a firm, partnership, or corporation engaged in the business of installing, erecting, repairing, or contracting to install, erect, or repair electrical wires or conductors to be used for the transmission of electric light, heat, power, or signaling purposes, or to install or repair moulding, ducts, raceways, or conduits, for the reception or protection of such wires or conduits, or any electrical machinery, apparatus, or systems to be used for electrical light, heat, power, or signaling purposes;

(4) "Electrical work" means:

(A) Installations of electric conductors and equipment within or on public and private buildings or other structures, including recreational vehicles, and floating buildings; and other premises such as yards, carnivals, parking and other lots, and industrial substations;

(B) Installations of conductors that connect to the supply of electricity;

(C) Installations of other outside conductors on the



premises;

(5) "Industrial maintenance electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to maintain and extend electrical conductors and equipment for electrical power and control systems on or within industrial, manufacturing, or similar type facilities. He or she shall be capable of doing such work in accordance with standard rules ~~and regulations~~ governing that work;

(6) "Journeyman electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to install, maintain, and extend electrical conductors and equipment. He or she shall be capable of doing such work in accordance with plans and specifications furnished him or her in accordance with standard rules ~~and regulations~~ governing the work;

(7) "Master electrician" means ~~any~~ an individual who possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to plan, layout, and supervise the installation, maintenance, and extension of electrical conductors and equipment;

(8) "Primary residence" means an unattached single-family dwelling used as the person's primary place of residence;

(9) "Residential journeyman electrician" means the classification by which the licenses and electrical work of journeyman electricians may be limited to the installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or renovation of electrical facilities for one and two-family dwellings; ~~and~~

(10) "Residential master electrician" means the classification by which the licenses and electrical work of master electricians may be limited to planning and supervising the installation, maintenance, and extension of electrical facilities for one and two family dwellings; ~~and~~

(11) "Specialist sign electrician" means an individual who is limited to a license classification possessing the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge for:

(A) Installing, maintaining, and repairing electrically illuminated or electrically operated signs and gaseous tubing for illumination; and

(B) Making all connections to an approved outlet of sufficient capacity within twenty-five (25) feet of the sign to be connected.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of Arkansas Code 17-28-203 is amended to read as follows:

17-28-203. Examinations - Fees.

(a) The Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas is authorized to conduct examinations of persons applying for a license as a master electrician, journeyman electrician, industrial maintenance electrician, residential master electrician, air conditioning electrician, specialist sign electrician, or residential journeyman electrician. These persons shall pay fees established by the board, but in no event shall such examination fees exceed the following:

- (1) Master electrician\$100.00
- (2) Journeyman electrician..... 100.00
- (3) Industrial maintenance electrician 50.00
- (4) Residential master electrician..... 100.00
- (5) Residential journeyman electrician 100.00

- (6) Air conditioning electrician..... 100.00
- (7) Specialist sign electrician..... 100.00

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 17-28-301 is amended to read as follows:

17-28-301. Electrician's license – Issuance and renewal – Fees.

(a) Individuals passing the master, journeyman, residential master, residential journeyman, air conditioning electrician, specialist sign electrician, or industrial maintenance electrician's examination as specified in § 17-28-203 shall be issued a license of the same class as that of the examination upon payment of the following fees:

- (1) Master electrician\$50.00
- (2) Journeyman electrician..... 25.00
- (3) Industrial maintenance electrician 25.00
- (4) Residential master electrician..... 50.00
- (5) Residential journeyman electrician 25.00
- (6) Air conditioning electrician..... 25.00
- (7) Specialist sign electrician..... 25.00.

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

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

- (A) Master electrician\$50.00
per year
- (B) Journeyman electrician..... 25.00
per year
- (C) Industrial maintenance electrician 25.00
per year
- (D) Residential master electrician..... 50.00
per year
- (E) Residential journeyman electrician..... 25.00
per year
- (F) Air conditioning electrician 25.00
per year
- (G) Specialist sign electrician..... 25.00
per year.

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

(4) If a licensee shall fail to renew his or her license within six (6) months after the expiration date on the license, the licensee may renew his or her license by paying a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a journeyman or residential journeyman electrician, ten dollars (\$10.00) for an industrial maintenance electrician or air conditioning electrician, and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a master electrician or a residential master electrician, in addition to the regular renewal fees.

(5) If the license is not renewed within one (1) year after the expiration date on the license, the licensee shall be required to take another examination as administered by the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas.

(c) The registration fee for an electrical apprentice shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) annually. Apprentice registration certificates shall

expire on the last day of the month, one (1) year following the date of original registration.

(d) The board shall be authorized to issue a temporary license as a master electrician or journeyman electrician which shall be valid for no more than six (6) months and be renewable one (1) time only for industry projects as defined in this chapter, upon submission by the applicant of the following:

- (1) A temporary license fee in the amount established by subsection (a) of this section;
- (2) A completed application on a form furnished and approved by the board; and
- (3) Evidence that the applicant holds a current license of the same classification issued by another state or has otherwise met the experience qualifications required under this chapter for the type of license being applied for.

(e) Notwithstanding any restrictions in subsection (d) of this section, the board may issue and renew a temporary license as a master electrician or journeyman electrician for regularly scheduled or emergency maintenance work or shutdowns of not longer than six (6) weeks on industry projects as defined in this chapter.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 17-28-310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17-28-310. Grandfather clause.

(a) Applicants for a license ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this chapter shall be exempt from the examination requirement of § 17-28-203, provided that the applicant:

- (1) Is qualified by experience requirements to take the examination for a particular license classification under the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas;
- (2) Has not had a municipal electrician's license or a state electrician's license of any classification revoked or suspended for cause;
- (3) Submits the appropriate fee; and
- (4) Applies for a license ~~prior to~~ before July 1, 1998.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an applicant for a license ~~pursuant to~~ under this section shall be exempt from the journeyman electrician examination requirement of § 17-28-203 if he or she has completed electrical apprenticeship training and education ~~pursuant to~~ under a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and he or she meets the requirements of subdivisions (a)(2) - (4) of this section.

(c) An applicant for a specialist sign electrician license under this chapter shall be exempt from the examination requirement of § 17-28-203, if the applicant:

- (1) Is qualified by experience requirements to take the examination for a particular license classification under this chapter and the rules of the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas;
- (2) Has not had a municipal electrician's license or a state electrician's license of any classification revoked or suspended for cause;
- (3) Submits the appropriate fee; and

(4) Applies for the specialist sign electrician license before
September 1, 2009."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Garner

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