

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Yates**

A Bill

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*

1 lines or facilities incidental to their business and covered under other
2 national recognized safety standards."

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

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

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

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

13 (c) submits the appropriate fees; and

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

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

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

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27 hereby repealed.

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

1 approval.

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/s/ Senator Yates