

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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As Engrossed: S3/15/07

A Bill

SENATE BILL 928

5 By: Senator Bryles
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY LICENSING OF
10 ELECTRICIANS FOR WORK ON INDUSTRY PROJECTS; TO
11 PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL
12 APPRENTICES FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF
13 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY LICENSING
16 OF ELECTRICIANS AND TO REGISTER
17 APPRENTICES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-28-301(d), concerning the temporary
24 licensing of electricians, is amended to read as follows:

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

30 (1) A temporary license fee in the amount established by §
31 ~~17-25-303(a)~~ subsection (a) of this section;

32 (2) A completed application on a form furnished and approved
33 by the board; and

34 (3) Evidence that the applicant holds a current license of
35 the same classification issued by another state or has otherwise met the
36 experience qualifications required under this chapter for the type of license



1 being applied for.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-28-301, concerning electrician
4 licensing, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

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

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11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-28-308, concerning electrical
12 apprentices, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

13 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
14 an apprentice who has successfully completed a certified school or training
15 program and has been released for testing may continue to renew his or her
16 apprentice registration card, if otherwise qualified, without enrolling in a
17 school or training program.

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19 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
20 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that capital improvement and
21 maintenance projects at industry facilities often require substantial numbers
22 of qualified electricians to perform electrical work on a temporary basis. A
23 significant number of qualified electricians from outside Arkansas have been
24 performing such work under temporary licenses authorized by law. However,
25 the limitations on the renewal of the temporary licenses are making it more
26 difficult to find qualified electricians to work on Arkansas projects, and
27 are threatening to substantially increase industry construction and
28 maintenance costs, delay desirable projects, and place Arkansas industries at
29 a competitive disadvantage compared to industries in other states.
30 Additionally, requiring an apprentice electrician to re-enroll in a school or
31 training program he or she has just completed in order to work is an economic
32 hardship on the apprentice as well as the electrical contractor who employs
33 such an apprentice. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
34 act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
35 health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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