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SENATE BILL 445

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By: Representative Hawk

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF
ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
LICENSURE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-55-101(b), concerning applications for
licensure as an electrical inspector, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A person shall apply for licensure as an electrical inspector
on a form approved by the board within thirty (30) days of employment as an
electrical inspector.

(2) A person shall be eligible to apply for licensure as an
electrical inspector if he or she is a:

(A) Master electrician;

(B) Journeyman electrician;

(C) International Code Council Electrical Inspector with
six (6) months of employment experience as a municipal building code
enforcement official;

(D) Arkansas Fire Training Academy International Fire
Service Accreditation Congress Inspector 1 with two (2) years of employment
experience at a fire marshal's office or fire inspector's office;

(E) Arkansas Fire Training Academy International Fire
Service Accreditation Congress Inspector 2 with one (1) year of employment
experience at a fire marshal's office or fire inspector's office;



1 (F) Arkansas Fire Training Academy International Fire
2 Service Accreditation Congress Inspector 3 with six (6) months of employment
3 experience at a fire marshal's office or fire inspector's office; or

4 (G) Certified Electrical Inspector with a Certified
5 Electrical Inspector certification from the National Fire Protection
6 Association.

7 ~~(2)(3)~~ Applications shall be made to the board and shall contain:

8 ~~(A) Proof of employment with the state or a political~~
9 ~~subdivision of the state as an electrical inspector in the State of Arkansas;~~

10 ~~(B)(i) Verification of work experience as required by rule~~
11 ~~of the board.~~

12 ~~(ii) Work experience shall include without~~
13 ~~limitation demonstrated knowledge of:~~

14 ~~(a) The standard materials and methods used in~~
15 ~~the installation of electric equipment;~~

16 ~~(b) Approved methods of construction to ensure~~
17 ~~the safety of persons and property; and~~

18 ~~(c) The requirements of the statewide~~
19 ~~standards for the construction, installation, and maintenance of electrical~~
20 ~~facilities and the performance of electrical work under § 20-31-104; and~~

21 (A) Proof of:

22 (i) Licensure as an electrician required under
23 subdivisions (b)(2)(A) and (B) of this section; or

24 (ii) Certification and experience required under
25 subdivisions (b)(2)(C)-(F) of this section; and

26 ~~(G)(B)~~ Payment of a license fee as established by rule of
27 the board that shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-55-101, concerning applications for
30 licensure as an electrical inspector, is amended to add a new subsection to
31 read as follows:

32 (f) A person who holds an electrical inspector license pursuant to the
33 qualifications under subdivision (b)(2) of this section and who is hired as
34 an electrical inspector shall attend the Department of Labor and Licensing
35 two-day training for electrical inspectors.
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