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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Casey, Tomasso, Morin, and Johnston

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 5-6-1, 5-6-7, 5-6-8 and 5-6-16 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-6  
2 entitled "Electricians" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-6-1. Definitions. --** For purposes of this chapter:

4 (1) "Electrical contractor" means a corporation, firm or person, who, by the employment  
5 of journeypersons, performs the work of installing wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures, and other  
6 appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat or power purposes exclusive of low  
7 voltage wiring for heating or refrigeration equipment for service, maintenance, and installation.

8 (2) "Electrical sign contractor" means a corporation, firm, or person who, by the  
9 employment of electrical sign installers, performs the work of installing, altering, and servicing  
10 electrical signs.

11 (3) "Electrical sign installer" means a person engaged in installing, altering, and  
12 servicing electrical signs.

13 (4) "Fire alarm contractor" means a corporation, firm, or person who, by the employment  
14 of fire alarm installers, performs the work of installing, altering and servicing and testing of fire  
15 alarm systems in accordance with the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code, chapters 28.1 -- 28.39 of  
16 title 23.

17 (5) "Fire alarm installation" means the installation or alteration of a fire alarm system  
18 according to the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code.

19 (6) "Fire alarm installer" means a person engaged in installing, altering, or servicing and

1 testing of a fire alarm system used for the purpose of causing an alarm to be sounded in case of  
2 fire.

3 (7) "Journeyman electrician" means a person doing any work of installing wires,  
4 conduits, apparatus, fixtures, and other appliances.

5 (8) "Lightning protection contractor" means a corporation, firm or person, who by  
6 employment of lightning protection installers, performs the work of installing, altering,  
7 maintaining, lightning protection systems. The "systems" are defined and should be installed in  
8 accordance with NFPA 780 current edition, and all referenced NFPA documents.

9 (9) "Lightning protection installer" means a person engaged in the installation, service or  
10 maintenance of a lightning protection system according to NFPA 780 current edition.

11 (10) "Oil burner contractor" means a corporation, firm, or person, who by the  
12 employment of oil burnerpersons performs the work of installing and servicing oil and domestic  
13 automatic coal burning heating equipment, including central heating plants, and domestic type  
14 range burners, and including all accessory equipment and control systems, excluding  
15 thermostatic, mechanical, and low voltage wiring on heating, ventilating and air conditioning  
16 equipment.

17 (11) "Oil burnerperson" means a person doing any work or installing or servicing oil  
18 burners and other equipment installed and serviced by an oil burner contractor.

19 (12) "Sign renovation electrical license" means a person engaged in the installation,  
20 service or maintenance of electrical signs but only when the installation, service or maintenance  
21 requires the removal or installation of no more than three (3) wires.

22 **5-6-7. Forms of licenses.** -- ~~Thirteen (13)~~ Fourteen (14) forms of licenses shall be issued:

23 (1) The first, subsequently referred to as Certificate A, is known as an "electrical  
24 contractor's license";

25 (2) The second, subsequently referred to as Certificate B, is known as a "journeyman  
26 electrician's license";

27 (3) The third, subsequently referred to as Certificate C, is known as a "limited premises  
28 license";

29 (4) The fourth, subsequently referred to as Certificate E, is known as an "oil burner  
30 contractor's license";

31 (5) The fifth, subsequently referred to as Certificate F, is known as an "oil burnerperson's  
32 license";

33 (6) The sixth, subsequently referred to as Certificate AF, is known as a "fire alarm  
34 contractor's license";

1 (7) The seventh, subsequently referred to as Certificate BF, is known as a "fire alarm  
2 installer's license";

3 (8) The eighth, subsequently referred to as Certificate SCF, is known as "an electrical  
4 sign contractor's license";

5 (9) The ninth, subsequently referred to as Certificate CF, is known as "an electrical sign  
6 installer's license";

7 (10) The tenth, subsequently referred to as Certificate D, is known as a "limited  
8 maintenance license";

9 (11) The eleventh, subsequently referred to as Certificate M shall be known as a "limited  
10 maintenance journeyman license";

11 (12) The twelfth, subsequently referred to as Certificate LPC shall be known as a  
12 "lightning protection contractor's license"; and

13 (13) The thirteenth, subsequently referred to as Certificate LPI shall be known as a  
14 "lightning protection installer's license."

15 (14) The fourteenth, subsequently referred to as certificate SRL, shall be known as a  
16 "sign renovation electrical license."

17 **5-6-8. Contractor's certificates/licenses.** -- (a) Electrical contractor's license. -  
18 Certificate A shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation, qualified under this chapter,  
19 engaging in, or about to engage in, the business of installing electrical wires, conduits, apparatus,  
20 fixtures, fire alarm and safety communication systems and other electrical appliances, excluding  
21 low voltage wiring for heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment. The certificate shall  
22 specify the name of the person, firm, or corporation applying and the name of the person, who in  
23 the case of a firm is one of its members, and in the case of a corporation, one of its officers,  
24 passing the examination, by which he or she or it is authorized to enter upon or engage in  
25 business as prescribed in the certificate. The holding of a Certificate A does not entitle the holder  
26 individually to engage in or perform the actual work of installing electric wires, conduits, and  
27 appliances as previously described in this chapter, but entitles him or her to conduct business as  
28 an electrical contractor.

29 (b) Oil burner contractor's license. - A Certificate E shall be issued to any person, firm,  
30 or corporation qualified under this chapter, and engaged in, or about to engage in, the business of  
31 an oil burner contractor, as defined in section 5-6-1. The certificate shall specify the name of the  
32 person, firm, or corporation applying and the name of the person who, in the case of a firm is one  
33 of its members, and in the case of a corporation one of its officers, passing the examination, by  
34 which he or she or it is authorized to enter upon or engage in business as prescribed in the

1 certificate. The holding of a Certificate E does not entitle the holder individually to engage in or  
2 perform any work on, or in connection with electric wires, conduits, and appliances as previously  
3 described in this chapter, but entitles the holder to contract to do that work to the extent permitted  
4 in this chapter, through the employment of oil burnerpersons holding a Certificate F. An oil  
5 burner contractor who is the holder of a Certificate A is not required to obtain a Certificate E.

6 (c) Fire alarm contractor's license. - A Certificate AF shall be issued to any person, firm,  
7 or corporation qualified under this chapter, and engaged in or about to engage in the business of a  
8 fire alarm contractor, as defined in section 5-6-1. The certificate shall specify the name of the  
9 person, firm, or corporation applying and the person who, in the case of a firm is one of its  
10 members, and in the case of a corporation one of its officers, passing the examination, by which  
11 he or she or it is authorized to enter upon or engage in business as prescribed in the certificate.  
12 The holding of a Certificate AF does not entitle the holder individually to engage in or perform  
13 and work on, or in connection with, electric wires, fire alarm wires, conduits, and appliances as  
14 previously described in this chapter, but entitles the holder to contract to do that work to the  
15 extent permitted in this chapter through the employment of fire alarm installers holding a  
16 Certificate BF. A contractor who is the holder of a Certificate A is not required to obtain a  
17 Certificate BF.

18 (d) Electrical sign contractor's license. - A Certificate SCF shall be issued to any person,  
19 firm, or corporation qualified under this chapter, and engaged in or about to engage in the  
20 business of electrical sign installations, as defined in section 5-6-1.

21 (e) Lightning protection contractor. - A Certificate LPC shall be issued to any person,  
22 firm or corporation qualified under this chapter and engaged in or about to engage in the business  
23 of lightning protection contractor, as defined in section 5-6-1. The Certificate LPC shall specify  
24 the name of the person, firm or corporation applying and the person who in the case of a firm, is  
25 one of its members, and in the case of a corporation, one of its officers, passing the examination  
26 by, which he or she or it is authorized to enter upon or engage in business as prescribed in the  
27 certificate. The holding of a Certificate LPC does not entitle the holder individually to engage in  
28 or perform and work on, or in connection with the installation of lightning protection equipment  
29 as defined in section 5-6-1, unless that individual also holds a Certificate LPI, but entitles the  
30 holder to contract to do that work to the extent permitted in this chapter through the employment  
31 of lightning protection installers holding a Certificate LPI.

32 (f) Sign renovation electrical license. – A certificate SRL shall be issued to any person,  
33 firm or corporation qualified under this chapter and engaged or about to engage in the business of  
34 sign renovation or installation of signs when such renovation or installation requires the removal

1 [or installation of no more than three \(3\) wires.](#)

2 **5-6-16. License fees.** -- (a) All licenses issued by the division of professional regulation  
3 for master electricians, all limited license electricians and all journeyman electricians born in  
4 odd years shall expire on the birthday of the individual qualifying for the license in odd years and  
5 all license of master electricians, all limited license electricians and all journeyman electricians  
6 born in even years shall expire on the birthday of the individual qualifying for the license in even  
7 years and all licenses may be renewed on or before their expiration date upon payment of the  
8 appropriate biennial renewal fee.

9 (b) A fee of two hundred forty dollars (\$240) shall be paid by each applicant for an  
10 electrical contractor's license Class A; seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) for a journeyman  
11 electrician's license Class B; two hundred forty dollars (\$240) for a limited premises license Class  
12 C; two hundred forty dollars (\$240) for an oil burner contractor's license Class E; seventy-two  
13 dollars (\$72.00) for an oil burnerperson's license Class F; two hundred forty dollars (\$240) for a  
14 fire alarm contractor's license Class AF; seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) for a fire alarm installer's  
15 license Class BF; two hundred forty dollars (\$240) for an electrical sign contractor's license SCF;  
16 seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) for a sign installer's license Class CF; and two hundred forty dollars  
17 (\$240) for a limited maintenance license Class D.

18 (c) A fee of two hundred forty dollars (\$240) shall be paid by each applicant for a  
19 lightning protection contractor's license Class LPC.

20 (d) A fee of seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) shall be paid by each applicant for a lightning  
21 protection installer's license LPI.

22 [\(e\) A fee of seventy-two dollars \(\\$72.00\) shall be paid by each applicant for a sign](#)  
23 [renovation electrical license.](#)

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create a new electricians license called the "sign renovation electrical  
2 license" limited to the removal or installation of signs only if the removal or installation of the  
3 sign requires removing or installing three (3) wires.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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