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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: June 16, 2014

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

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. This may include the removal or installation of no more than three (3) wires not
11 to exceed fifteen feet (15') in length and terminate in an existing electrical enclosure directly
12 adjacent to or at the base of said sign.

13 (3) "Electrical sign installer" means a person engaged in installing, altering, and
14 servicing electrical signs. This may include the removal or installation of no more than three (3)
15 wires not to exceed fifteen feet (15') in length and terminate in an existing electrical enclosure
16 directly adjacent to or at the base of said sign.

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

1 title 23.

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

4 (6) "Fire alarm installer" means a person engaged in installing, altering, or servicing and
5 testing of a fire alarm system used for the purpose of causing an alarm to be sounded in case of
6 fire.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **5-6-7. Forms of licenses.** -- ~~Thirteen (13)~~ Fourteen (14) forms of licenses shall be issued:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 [\(14\) The fourteenth, subsequently referred to as certificate SRL, shall be known as a](#)
20 ["sign renovation electrical license."](#)

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

33 (b) Oil burner contractor's license. - A Certificate E shall be issued to any person, firm,
34 or corporation qualified under this chapter, and engaged in, or about to engage in, the business of

1 an oil burner contractor, as defined in section 5-6-1. The certificate shall specify the name of the
2 person, firm, or corporation applying and the name of the person who, in the case of a firm is one
3 of its members, and in the case of a corporation one of its officers, passing the examination, by
4 which he or she or it is authorized to enter upon or engage in business as prescribed in the
5 certificate. The holding of a Certificate E does not entitle the holder individually to engage in or
6 perform any work on, or in connection with electric wires, conduits, and appliances as previously
7 described in this chapter, but entitles the holder to contract to do that work to the extent permitted
8 in this chapter, through the employment of oil burnerpersons holding a Certificate F. An oil
9 burner contractor who is the holder of a Certificate A is not required to obtain a Certificate E.

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

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

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

1 of lightning protection installers holding a Certificate LPI.

2 [\(f\) Sign renovation electrical license. – A certificate SRL shall be issued to any person,](#)
3 [firm or corporation qualified under this chapter and engaged or about to engage in the business of](#)
4 [sign renovation or installation of signs when such renovation or installation requires the removal](#)
5 [or installation of no more than three \(3\) wires.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

28 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. It also expands the definition of electrical
4 sign contractor and electrical sign installer to accommodate the creation of the new "sign
5 renovation electrical license".

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