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Introduced by Senators Horn, Jones, Casperson, Zorn and Nofs

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 297

AN ACT to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled “An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws of this state regarding the regulation of certain occupations in the skilled trades and to regulate persons and activities relative to those occupations; to create a board for each of those occupations; to establish the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities, including the boards created under this act; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for penalties and civil fines; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 201, 701, 713, and 731 (MCL 339.5201, 339.5701, 339.5713, and 339.5731).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 201. (1) A person shall apply for a license under this act on an application form provided by the department and must include with the application the appropriate fees established by rules promulgated by the department under section 207. Subject to the exceptions described in section 203, the department shall issue a license to a person that meets the licensure requirements set forth in a specific article of this act and in rules promulgated under this act.

(2) The department shall establish the expiration date of licenses issued under this act by rule promulgated by the department under section 207. However, the department shall not issue, and the rules shall not permit, the issuance of a permanent license.

(3) At the request of a building official, inspector, or employee of an enforcing agency, acting in his or her official capacity, an individual who is licensed under this act must present to that building official, inspector, or employee proof of licensure and a government-issued photo identification. As used in this subsection:

- (a) “Building official” means that term as defined in section 1001.
- (b) “Inspector” means that term as defined in section 1003.

Sec. 701. As used in this article:

(a) “Apprentice electrician” means an individual other than an electrical contractor, master electrician, or electrical journeyman, who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the installation or alteration of electrical wiring and equipment under the direct personal supervision of an electrical journeyman or master electrician.

(b) “Board” means the electrical administrative board described in section 705.

(c) “Electrical contractor” means a person that is engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing, or maintaining electrical wiring.

(d) “Electrical journeyman” means an individual other than an electrical contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the practical installation or alteration of electrical wiring. An electrical contractor or master electrician may also be an electrical journeyman.

(e) "Electric sign" means fixed, stationary, or portable self-contained, electrically illuminated equipment that has words or symbols designed to convey information or attract attention. Electric sign includes outline lighting. Electric sign does not include those signs that are indoor or outdoor portable applications or recognized holiday residential signs listed with a recognized testing and approval agency and that use a cord cap-110 volt plug as the electrical energizing attachment method.

(f) "Electrical wiring" means all wiring, generating equipment, fixtures, appliances, devices, and appurtenances in connection with the generation, distribution, and utilization of electrical energy, in or on a building, residence, structure, or properties, regardless of whether or not the electrical wiring is energized at the time of installation. The term includes service entrance wiring as defined in the Michigan electrical code.

(g) "Fire alarm contractor" means a person that is engaged in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing, servicing, or maintaining wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment of a fire alarm system.

(h) "Fire alarm specialty apprentice technician" means an individual other than a fire alarm contractor or a fire alarm specialty technician who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the installation or alteration of fire alarm system wiring and equipment under the direct personal supervision of a fire alarm specialty technician.

(i) "Fire alarm specialty licensure" means licensure as a fire alarm contractor or a fire alarm specialty or apprentice technician.

(j) "Fire alarm specialty technician" means an individual other than a fire alarm contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is engaged in the design and practical installation or alteration of fire alarm systems. An individual who is a fire alarm contractor may also be a fire alarm specialty technician.

(k) "Fire alarm system" means a system that is designed to detect and annunciate the presence of fire, or by-products of fire, installed in a building or structure. Fire alarm system does not include a single station smoke detector.

Sec. 713. (1) The department shall issue a master electrician's license to an individual who is at least 22 years old, meets the requirements described in article 2, and meets all of the following:

(a) Has at least 12,000 hours of experience that was obtained over a period of 6 years or more, is related to electrical construction, the maintenance of buildings, or electrical wiring or equipment, and was performed under the supervision of a master electrician.

(b) Has held an electrical journeyman's license for at least 2 years.

(2) If he or she fails to pass the master electrician examination 2 times within a period of 2 years, an applicant is ineligible to sit for another examination for at least 1 year from the date of failure of the second examination. After that 1-year period, he or she is again eligible to sit for a master electrician examination if he or she presents to the board proof of the successful completion of a course on Michigan electrical code, electrical fundamentals, or electrical theory approved by the board.

(3) A holder of a master electrician's license cannot be used to meet the eligibility requirement described in section 711(a) or (b) for more than 1 electrical contractor's license.

(4) As a condition of renewal of a master electrician's license, the master electrician must demonstrate the successful completion of a course, approved by the board, concerning any update or change in the state construction code within 12 months after the update or change in that code. This requirement applies only during or after those years that the state construction code is updated or changed.

Sec. 731. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, only an individual who is licensed under this article shall install electrical wiring. In a municipality where inspection service is provided, a person shall obtain a permit from the board or municipality that has jurisdiction.

(2) If electrical wiring is installed without compensation by a person that is licensed under this article for or on behalf of a charitable organization, the owner of the property on which the work is performed may obtain the permit required under subsection (1). However, the charitable organization exception under this subsection applies only to the reconstruction, renovation, or remodeling of 1- to 4-family dwellings.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, a person shall not erect, install, alter, repair, service, or maintain fire alarm system wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment in a building or structure without a license.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, a person shall not install, connect, repair, or maintain electric signs and related wiring without a license.

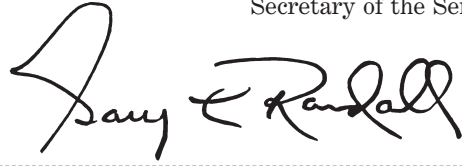
(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article and after a proper application is submitted and the appropriate fees paid, the board and department shall issue a license without examination to an individual seeking sign specialty licensure if he or she is licensed, registered, or otherwise regulated in another state and the board determines that the standards in the other state meet or exceed the standards imposed in this article.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor