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Com. Sub. for
HOUSE BILL No. 4206

(By Delegates Ruggs & Farmer)

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Passed March 10, 1990

In Effect 90 Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article three-b, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to journeyman electricians licenses; requirements; and allowing graduates of approved vocational education programs to take the journeyman electrician's test and if successful, to be granted a license.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article three-b, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3B. SUPERVISION OF ELECTRICIANS.

§29-3B-4. Licenses; classes of licenses; issuance of licenses by commissioner; qualifications required for license; nontransferability and nonassignability of licenses; expiration of license; renewal.

(a) The following three classes of license may be issued by the state fire marshal: “Master electrician license,” “journeyman electrician's license” and “apprentice electrician license.”
(b) The state fire marshal shall issue the appropriate class of license to a person, firm or corporation upon a finding that such person, firm or corporation possesses the qualifications for the class of license to be issued.

(c) The qualifications for each class of license to be issued are as follows:

(1) For a "master electrician license" a person must have five years of experience in electrical work of such breadth, independence and quality that such work indicates that the applicant is competent to perform all types of electrical work and can direct and instruct journeyman electricians and apprentice electricians in the performance of electrical work. Such applicant, or a member of a firm or an officer of a corporation if the applicant be a firm or corporation, must also pass the master electrician examination given by the state fire marshal with a grade of eighty percent correct or better;

(2) For a "journeyman electrician's license," a person must have at least two years of experience in performing electrical work under the direction or instruction of a master electrician or must have completed a formal apprentice program, or a vocational education program of at least one thousand eighty hours in length and approved by the state board of education or its successor, providing actual electrical work experience and training conducted by one or more master electricians. Such applicant must also pass the journeyman electrician's examination given by the state fire marshal with a grade of eighty percent correct or better.

(3) For an "apprentice electrician license," a person must pass the apprentice electrician's examination given by the state fire marshal with a grade of eighty percent correct or better.

(d) (1) Certificates of license for a master electrician's license issued by the state fire marshal shall specify the name of the person, firm or corporation so qualifying and the name of the person, who in the case of a firm shall be one of its members and in the case of a corporation shall be one of its officers, passing the master electrician examination.
(2) Licenses issued to journeyman electricians and apprentice electricians shall specify the name of the person who is thereby authorized to perform electrical work or, in the case of apprentice electricians, to work with other classes of electricians to perform electrical work.

(e) No license issued under this article is assignable or transferable.

(f) All licenses issued by the state fire marshal shall expire on the thirtieth day of June following the year of issue or renewal.

(g) (1) Each expiring license may be renewed without need for examination and without limit as to the number of times renewed, for the same class of license previously issued and for the same person, firm or corporation to whom it was originally issued upon payment to the state fire marshal of a renewal fee of fifty dollars if such application for renewal and payment of such fee is made before the date of expiration of the license.

(2) In the case of a failure to renew a license on or before the thirtieth day of June the person named in the license may, upon payment of the renewal fee and an additional fee of fifteen dollars, receive from the state fire marshal a deferred renewal of such license which shall expire on the thirtieth day of June in the ensuing year. No person, firm or corporation may perform electrical work upon expiration of such person's, firm's or corporation's license until a deferred renewal for such license is issued by the state fire marshal even if such person, firm or corporation has applied for the deferred renewal of such license.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the ____th day of June, 1990.

Governor