

LEGISLATIVE BILL 67

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1981

Introduced by Rumery, 42

AN ACT to amend section 81-584, Reissue Revised Statutes, 1943, and sections 81-572 and 81-592, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, relating to the State Electrical Act; to redefine terms; to define a term; to provide for registration of apprentice electricians; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 81-572, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

81-572. As used in sections 81-571 to 81-5,114, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) Board shall mean the State Electrical Board;
- (2) Farm shall mean any tract of land over twenty acres in area used for or devoted to agricultural purposes;
- (3) Class A electrical contractor shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly bid, plan, lay out, install, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for electric light, heat, power, and other purposes and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board;
- (4) Class A master electrician shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for electric light, heat, power, and other purposes and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board;
- (5) Class A journeyman electrician shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to wire for or install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board;
- (6) Special electrician shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, and experience in wiring for installing special classes of

electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment or for special classes of electrical wiring installations located in any town or municipality which has a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board. Such special classes of electrical wiring installations shall include, but not be limited to, fire alarm installation, well pump wiring, irrigation system wiring, and security system installation;

(7) Class B electrical contractor shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly bid, plan, lay out, install, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for systems of not over four hundred ampere capacity for light, heat, power, and other purposes in any structure used and maintained as a residential dwelling but not larger than a four-family dwelling located in any town or municipality which has a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board;

(8) Class B master electrician shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for systems of not over four hundred ampere capacity for light, heat, power, and other purposes in any structure used and maintained as a residential dwelling but not larger than a four-family dwelling located in any town or municipality which has a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board;

(9) Class B journeyman electrician shall mean a person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to wire for or install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for systems of not over four hundred ampere capacity for light, heat, power, and other purposes in any structure used and maintained as a residential dwelling but not larger than a four-family dwelling located in any town or municipality which has a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board;

(10) Installer shall mean a person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to properly lay out and install electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment for major electrical home equipment on the load side of the main

service in any town or municipality which has a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants and who is licensed as such by the State Electrical Board; and

(11) Inspector shall mean a person certified as an electrical inspector by the board upon such reasonable conditions as may be adopted by the board from time to time. All state inspectors shall be approved as such by the board. The board may permit more than one class of electrical inspector; and

(12) Apprentice electrician shall mean a person learning the trade of an electrician.

All Class A electrical contractor, Class A master, and Class A journeyman licenses shall be mandatory and all special electrician, Class B master, Class B journeyman, and installer licenses shall be permissive.

Sec. 2. That section 81-584, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-584. Any Except as provided in section 81-592, any person registered with the State Electrical Board may work as an apprentice to a licensed electrician, but shall do no electrical wiring except under the personal on-the-job supervision of such licensed electrician. An apprentice shall register with the State Electrical Board and shall pay a registration fee of five dollars as provided in section 81-589.

Sec. 3. That section 81-592, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

81-592. Nothing in sections 81-571 to 81-5,114 shall be construed to:

(1) Require employees of municipal corporations, public power districts, public power and irrigation districts, electric membership or cooperative associations, public utility corporations, railroads, petroleum companies, petrochemical companies, pipeline companies, telephone or telegraph systems, or employees of affiliated companies performing manufacturing, installation, and repair work for such employer to hold licenses while acting within the scope of their employment;

(2) Require any electrical contractor, master electrician, or journeyman electrician to hold a state

license if he or she is the holder of a valid license issued by any city or other political subdivision, so long as he or she makes electrical installations only in the jurisdictional limits of such city or political subdivision and such license issued by the city or political subdivision meets the requirements of sections 81-571 to 81-5,114;

(3) Cover the installation, maintenance, repair, or alteration of vertical transportation or passenger conveyors, elevators, moving walks, dumbwaiters, stagelifts, manlifts, or appurtenances thereto beyond the terminals of the controllers. The licensing of elevator contractors or constructors shall not be considered a part of the licensing requirements of sections 81-571 to 81-5,114;

(4) Require a license of any person who engages any electrical appliance where approved electrical outlets are already installed;

(5) Require an employee, working for a single employer as part of such employer's full-time staff and not holding himself or herself out to the public for hire, to hold a license while acting within the scope of his or her employment;

(6) Prohibit an owner of property from performing work on such property or farm property which he or she owns, excluding commercial, industrial, or public-use buildings, or to require him or her to be licensed under sections 81-571 to 81-5,114;

(7) Require a license of any person in municipalities which have a population of less than five thousand inhabitants; or

(8) Require that any person be a member of a labor union in order to be licensed; or

(9) Require the registration of apprentice electricians in municipalities which have a population of less than five thousand inhabitants.

Sec. 4. That original section 81-584, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and sections 81-572 and 81-592, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, are repealed.