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Committee: General Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Electrical Act; to amend sections
- 2 81-2113, 81-2117.01, and 81-2118, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska; to change provisions for renewal of registration for
- 4 apprentices as prescribed; to provide for continuing education as
- 5 prescribed; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize
- 6 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-2113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-2113 (1) A person may register with the board and pay a fee as
4 provided in section 81-2118 to work as an apprentice electrician. Such
5 registration shall entitle the registrant to act as an apprentice
6 electrician to a Class B electrical contractor, an electrical contractor,
7 a Class B journeyman electrician, a journeyman electrician, a residential
8 journeyman electrician, a Class A master electrician, or a Class B master
9 electrician as provided in subsection (2) of this section. At the time of
10 registration renewal, an apprentice shall present documentary evidence of
11 successful completion of the requisite hours of continuing education
12 courses under section 81-2117.01 and pay the fee for renewal provided by
13 section 81-2118. If an applicant for renewal fails to complete the
14 required hours and submit the evidence to the board, the board shall
15 assess up to a six-month increase of required experience necessary for
16 the applicant to qualify for the examination under section 81-2115.

17 (2) An apprentice electrician shall do no electrical wiring except
18 under the direct personal on-the-job supervision and control and in the
19 immediate presence of a licensee under the State Electrical Act. Such
20 supervision shall include both on-the-job training and related classroom
21 training as approved by the board. The licensee may employ or supervise
22 apprentice electricians at a ratio not to exceed three apprentice
23 electricians to one licensee, except that such ratio and the other
24 requirements of this section shall not be applicable to a teacher-student
25 relationship within a classroom of a community college.

26 For purposes of this section, the direct personal on-the-job
27 supervision and control and in the immediate presence of a licensee shall
28 mean the licensee and the apprentice electrician shall be working at the
29 same project location but shall not require that the licensee and
30 apprentice electrician must be within sight of one another at all times.

31 (3) An apprentice electrician shall not install, alter, or repair

1 electrical equipment except as provided in this section, and the licensee
2 employing or supervising an apprentice electrician shall not authorize or
3 permit such actions by the apprentice electrician.

4 Sec. 2. Section 81-2117.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 81-2117.01 (1) In order to renew a license or registration issued
7 under the State Electrical Act, the licensee or registrant shall be
8 required to complete twelve contact hours of continuing education by
9 ~~January 1, 1995, for renewal on such date and twelve contact hours by~~
10 January 1 of each odd-numbered year ~~thereafter~~. The continuing education
11 courses shall be approved by the board and may consist of training
12 programs, courses, and seminars by the State Electrical Division or
13 public or private schools, organizations, or associations. The contact
14 hours shall include a minimum of six contact hours studying the National
15 Electrical Code described in section 81-2104, and the remaining contact
16 hours may include study of electrical circuit theory, blueprint reading,
17 transformer and motor theory, electrical circuits and devices, control
18 systems, programmable controllers, and microcomputers or any other study
19 of electrical-related material that is approved by the board. Any
20 additional hours studying the National Electrical Code shall be
21 acceptable. For purposes of this section, a contact hour means ~~shall mean~~
22 fifty minutes of classroom attendance at an approved course under a
23 qualified instructor approved by the board.

24 (2) An application for approval of the instructor and course
25 offering shall be submitted annually on a form provided by the board. The
26 approval by the board of the application shall be valid for one calendar
27 year from the date of approval and shall include the following
28 information:

29 (a) Name of the sponsoring organization or school, if any, the
30 address of such organization or school, and the name of the contact
31 person;

1 (b) The instructor's name, address, and telephone number;

2 (c) The title of the course offering;

3 (d) A description of all materials to be distributed to the
4 participants;

5 (e) The date and exact location of each presentation of the course
6 offering;

7 (f) The duration and time of the offering;

8 (g) A detailed outline of the subject matter together with the time
9 sequence of each segment, faculty for each segment, and teaching
10 technique used in each segment;

11 (h) The procedure for measuring attendance; and

12 (i) A description of the faculty, including name, background, and
13 practical or teaching experience. A complete resume may be furnished.

14 Any application for approval of the instructor and course offering
15 that is rejected shall be returned to the applicant with specific reasons
16 for such rejection and stating what is needed for approval.

17 (3) If a continuing education course is approved, the licensee or
18 registrant shall retain the attendance certificate and attach it to the
19 application for renewal of his or her license or registration at the time
20 of renewal. The licensee or registrant shall have the responsibility for
21 record keeping and providing proof of attendance at continuing education
22 courses.

23 (4) The instructor of each course shall provide an individual
24 certificate of attendance to each licensee or registrant who attends
25 ninety percent or more of the classroom hours. A certificate of
26 attendance shall not be issued to a licensee or registrant who is absent
27 for more than ten percent of the classroom hours. The certificate shall
28 contain the licensee's or registrant's name and license or registration
29 number, the course title, the date and location of the course, the number
30 of credit hours, and the signature of the instructor.

31 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a

1 registrant shall be denied renewal of a registration by the board based
2 solely on a failure to complete the continuing education requirement
3 under subsection (1) of this section.

4 Sec. 3. Section 81-2118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 81-2118 All licenses or registrations issued under the State
7 Electrical Act shall expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year.
8 All license or registration applications shall include the applicant's
9 social security number. The board shall establish the fees to be payable
10 for examination, issuance, and renewal in amounts not to exceed:

11 (1) For examination:

12 (a) Electrical contractor, one hundred twenty-five dollars;

13 (b) Journeyman electrician, sixty dollars;

14 (c) Residential journeyman electrician, sixty dollars; and

15 (d) Fire alarm installer, sixty dollars;

16 (2) For each year of the two-year license period for issuance and
17 renewal:

18 (a) Electrical contractor, one hundred twenty-five dollars; and

19 (b) Journeyman electrician, residential journeyman electrician, fire
20 alarm installer, or special electrician, twenty-five dollars;

21 (3) For each year of the two-year registration ~~license~~ period for
22 issuance and renewal ~~registration~~ as an apprentice electrician, twenty
23 dollars; and

24 (4) For renewal on or after September 9, 1993, of the following
25 licenses issued prior to such date for each year of the two-year license
26 period:

27 (a) Class B electrical contractor, one hundred twenty-five dollars;

28 (b) Class A master electrician, one hundred twenty-five dollars;

29 (c) Class B master electrician, one hundred twenty-five dollars; and

30 (d) Class B journeyman electrician, installer, or special
31 electrician, twenty-five dollars.

1 The holder of an expired license or registration may renew the
2 license or registration for a period of three months from the date of
3 expiration upon payment of the license or registration fee plus ten
4 percent of the renewal fee for each month or portion thereof past the
5 expiration date. All holders of licenses or registrations expired for
6 more than three months shall apply for a new license or registration.

7 Sec. 4. Original sections 81-2113, 81-2117.01, and 81-2118, Reissue
8 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.