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## **An Act To Provide Parity in the Laws Regarding Licensing of Electricians**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 349, §67 and by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and as affected by §4, is further amended to read:

A. For a journeyman electrician's license, a person must:

(1) Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours of experience in electrical installations, as defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours of required study, including an approved course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code; and 351 hours of elective study, comprised of all trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses;

(2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program, have worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent and have completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board;

(3) Be a graduate of an accredited Maine community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of the Department of Corrections, have worked for 4,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent and have completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the journeyman's examination upon graduation if application is made within one year of graduation; or

(4) Be an electrical apprentice registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council and have completed 576 hours of related instruction, as defined in this paragraph, prescribed in their apprenticeship program, the 8,000-hour approved program and a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may write the journeyman's examination after completion of the 576 hours of instruction; if application is made within one year of the completion of the instruction.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 325, §13 and by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and as affected by §4, is further amended to read:

D. For a journeyman-in-training electrician's license, a person must be a graduate of an accredited ~~Maine~~ community college or Department of ~~Corrections~~Corrections' electrical program, receive a passing grade on the ~~journeyman~~journeyman's examination and complete 2,000 hours of experience.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill creates parity between an applicant for licensure as a journeyman electrician or a journeyman-in-training electrician who is a graduate of an electrical program of a Maine community college and an applicant for licensure who is a graduate of an electrical program of an accredited community college that is not located in Maine.