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House of Representatives, February 27, 2012

### **An Act To Encourage Enrollment in High School Electrical Education Programs**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CUSHING of Hampden.  
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and  
Representatives: Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RICHARDSON of  
Carmel, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of  
Penobscot, THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§4-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 286, Pt. F, §4, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **4-A. Supervision.** One apprentice electrician or one helper electrician may work  
5 with and under the direct supervision of ~~each a~~ master electrician, ~~or~~ limited electrician ~~or~~  
6 ~~journeyman electrician.~~ One apprentice electrician or 2 helper electricians may work  
7 with and under the direct supervision of a journeyman electrician. A master electrician  
8 who teaches an electrical course at a Maine career and technical education center, a  
9 Maine career and technical education region, a Maine community college or an  
10 apprenticeship program registered by the Department of Labor may have a maximum of  
11 12 helper or apprentice electricians under direct supervision while making electrical  
12 installations that are a part of the instructional program of the school or apprenticeship  
13 program, as long as the total value of each installation does not exceed \$5,000. An  
14 electrical installation may not be commenced pursuant to this subsection without the prior  
15 approval of the director or president of the school or apprenticeship program at which the  
16 master electrician is an instructor. These installations are limited to those done in  
17 buildings or facilities owned or controlled by:

18 A. School administrative units; and

19 B. Nonprofit organizations.

20 The Electricians' Examining Board and the municipal electrical inspector of the  
21 municipality in which the installation is to be made, if the municipality has an inspector,  
22 must be notified of all installation projects entered into pursuant to this subsection prior to  
23 the commencement of the project. There must be an inspection by a state electrical  
24 inspector or by the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which the  
25 installation has been made, if the municipality has an inspector, before any wiring on the  
26 project is concealed.

27 **Sec. 2. Rules.** The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational  
28 Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall amend  
29 its rules pertaining to the establishment of fees for helper electrician licenses to exempt a  
30 high school student from paying the fee to obtain a helper electrician license.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill amends the electrician licensing laws by changing the number of helper  
33 electricians that may work with and be supervised by a journeyman electrician from one  
34 to 2. The bill also requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational  
35 Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to amend its  
36 rules to exempt a high school student from paying the fee for a license to be a helper  
37 electrician.