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**An Act to Expand the Use of Career and Technical Education Centers in the
Development of the Electrician Workforce**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is a shortage of electricians in the State; and

Whereas, this legislation will enable applicants for a journeyman-in-training electrician license to use completion of approved career and technical education programs toward qualification for the license examination and to receive a significant credit of work hours toward the work hours required for licensure; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect immediately in order to allow more applicants for journeyman-in-training electrician licensure to qualify sooner; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 327, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Completion of at least 2,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician and a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 327, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Comparable work experience, education or training, or any combination of comparable work experience, education or training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1202-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 327, §2, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Completion of a 2-year secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to Title 20-A, section 8306-B and completion of at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician. An individual applying pursuant to this subparagraph may take the examination upon graduating from the program and is credited 1,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations. The individual must complete any remaining work hours prior to applying for a journeyman-in-training license.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.