

STATE OF MAINE

 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

 H.P. 901 - L.D. 1240
An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended to read:

B. In order to obtain a license under this subsection, a person must first pass an examination approved by the board and provide evidence of having:

(1) Worked at least 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician or apprentice electrician under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician or having at least 8,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations, and having completed a program of study consisting of 576 hours as approved by the board or from an accredited institution. The 576 hours must consist of 225 hours of required study, including an approved course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, and 351 hours of elective study that is either composed of all trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses. A graduate of a secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to Title 20-A, section 8306-B is credited 1,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and is qualified to sit for the examination. The 1,000 hours credited under this subparagraph may not be applied to any other pathway to licensure described in this subsection;

~~(2) Graduated from an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program, worked at least 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician and completed a course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code;~~

(3) Graduated from an accredited community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections and having worked at least 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician, under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician, and having completed a course of

45 hours in the current National Electrical Code. Graduates of a community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections are credited 4,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and are qualified to sit for the examination;

(4) Worked at least 8,000 hours as a licensed apprentice electrician in the field of electrical installations under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician, having completed a program of study comprising at least 576 hours prescribed in an apprenticeship program approved by the board and having completed a course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code. A licensed apprentice who has completed an approved apprenticeship program of study and has worked at least 4,000 hours as a licensed apprentice electrician is qualified to sit for the examination; or

(5) Comparable work experience or education or training, or a combination of work experience, education and training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board.