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Proposed Amendment (2)
offered by Sen. Pouliot

Amend the title to read: An Act to Allow ~~a Journeyman Electrician~~ Licensed Electricians to Supervise Three Helper Electricians

Amend the bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§ 1 is amended to read:

1. Apprentice electrician. "Apprentice electrician" means an apprentice who is engaged in a written agreement to work at and learn the trade of an electrician under the direct supervision of a licensed master, journeyman or limited electrician in an apprenticeship program registered pursuant to 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 29.3 (2016) with the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, ~~or a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship,~~ or is enrolled in a journeyman program offered by a board approved electrical education provider.

Sec. 2. 32 M.R.S.A. § 1202-A, sub-§ 2 ¶ A is amended to read:

A. A journeyman electrician may make electrical installations while employed by a supervising master electrician, limited electrician or electrical company. A person licensed under this subsection may supervise:

- (1) Two helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution;
- (2) Two apprentice electricians; or
- (3) ~~One~~ Three helper ~~electrician~~ electricians.

Sec. 3. 32 M.R.S.A. § 1202-A, sub-§ 4 ¶ A is amended to read:

A. A master electrician may make electrical installations without limitation. A master electrician is responsible for verifying the current licensure of all of that master electrician's employees, if licensure is applicable, prior to and during employment. Master electricians are responsible for any electrical installation they perform and for the electrical installations of individuals they supervise at the time of the electrical installations.

A master electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution; 2 apprentice electricians; or ~~one~~ three helper ~~electrician~~ electricians. Any helper electrician or apprentice electrician must be employed by a master electrician and be under the master electrician's supervision.

A master electrician may supervise an unlimited number of licensed journeyman electricians, journeyman-in-training electricians or limited electricians.

Sec. 4. 32 M.R.S.A. § 1202-A, sub-§ 5 ¶ A is amended to read:

A. A limited electrician may only make electrical installations authorized by the specific limited license category. A limited electrician is responsible for verifying the current licensure of all employees, if licensure is applicable, prior to and during employment. Limited electricians are responsible for any electrical installation work they perform and for work of individuals they supervise at the time of electrical installation.

A limited electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution; 2 apprentice electricians; or ~~one~~ three helper ~~electrician~~ electricians. A limited electrician may supervise helper electricians or apprentice electricians only in the performance of electrical installations authorized by the limited electrician's specific limited license category.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds to the definition of “apprentice electrician” to include anyone enrolled in a journeyman program offered by a board approved electrical education provider. This amendment also extends the ability to supervise three helper electricians to master electricians and limited electricians in addition to journeyman electricians. It also restores the distinction for the purpose of supervision by a journeyman between helper electricians and helper electricians who are enrolled in or have completed a certain education program.