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SENATE, No. 663

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes registration requirements for qualified journeymen electricians.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning qualified journeymen electricians, amending
2 P.L.1972, c.108 and amending and supplementing P.L.1962, c.162.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Title 45 of the Revised
10 Statutes or of any other law to the contrary, all professional or
11 occupational licenses or certificates of registration, except such
12 licenses or certificates issued to real estate brokers or salesmen
13 pursuant to chapter 15 of Title 45, which prior to the effective date of
14 this act were issued for periods not exceeding one year and were
15 annually renewable, shall, on and after the effective date of this act, be
16 issued for periods of two years and be biennially renewable, except
17 that licenses and business permits issued to electrical contractors and
18 certificates of registration issued to qualified journeymen electricians
19 pursuant to chapter 5A of Title 45 shall be issued for periods of three
20 years and be triennially renewable; provided, however, the boards or
21 commissions in charge of the issuance or renewal of such licenses or
22 certificates may, in order to stagger the expiration dates thereof,
23 provide that those first issued or renewed after the effective date of
24 this act, shall expire and become void on a date fixed by the respective
25 boards or commissions, not sooner than six months nor later than
26 29 months, after the date of issue.

27 The fees for the respective licenses and certificates of registration
28 issued pursuant to this act for periods of less or greater than one year
29 shall be in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees
30 established by law.

31 (cf: P.L.1991, c.6, s.1)

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33 2. Section 2 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-2) is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 2. For the purpose of this act, unless otherwise indicated by the
36 context:

37 (a) "Act" means this act, P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) and
38 the rules and regulations adopted under it;

39 (b) "Board" means the Board of Examiners of Electrical
40 Contractors created by section 3 of this act;

41 (c) "Department" means the Department of Law and Public Safety;

42 (d) "Electrical contractor" means a person who engages in the
43 business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical
2 energy;

3 (e) "Person" means a person, firm, corporation or other legal
4 entity;

5 (f) "Alarm business" means the installation, servicing or
6 maintenance of burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security systems,
7 or the monitoring or responding to alarm signals when provided in
8 conjunction therewith. "Installation," as used in this definition,
9 includes the survey of a premises, the design and preparation of the
10 specifications for the equipment or system to be installed pursuant to
11 a survey, the installation of the equipment or system, or the
12 demonstration of the equipment or system after the installation is
13 completed, but does not include any survey, design or preparation of
14 specifications for equipment or for a system that is prepared by an
15 engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1938, c.342
16 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pursuant to the provisions
17 of chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, if the survey, design,
18 or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction of
19 a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building or
20 premises, which renovation includes components other than the
21 installation of a burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security system,
22 and further does not include the design or preparation of specifications
23 for the equipment or system to be installed that are within the practice
24 of professional engineering as defined in subsection (b) of section 2 of
25 P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-28);

26 (g) "Burglar alarm" means a security system comprised of an
27 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including
28 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an
29 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and
30 providing a warning of intrusion, which is designed to discourage
31 crime;

32 (h) "Business firm" means a partnership, corporation or other
33 business entity engaged in the alarm business or locksmithing services;

34 (i) "Committee" means the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm, and
35 Locksmith Advisory Committee created by section 3 of P.L.1997,
36 c.305 (C.45:5A-23);

37 (j) "Electronic security system" means a security system comprised
38 of an interconnected series of devices or components, including
39 systems with audio and video signals or other electronic systems,
40 which emits or transmits an audible, visual or electronic signal warning
41 of intrusion and provides notification of authorized entry or exit,
42 which is designed to discourage crime;

43 (k) "Fire alarm" means a security system comprised of an
44 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including
45 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an
46 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and

1 which provides a warning of the presence of smoke or fire. "Fire
2 alarm" does not mean a system whose primary purpose is
3 telecommunications with energy control, the monitoring of the interior
4 environment being an incidental feature thereto;

5 (l) "Licensed locksmith" means a person who is licensed pursuant
6 to the provisions of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

7 (m) "Licensee" means a person licensed to engage in the alarm
8 business or provide locksmithing services pursuant to the provisions
9 of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

10 (n) "Locksmithing services" means the modification, recombination,
11 repair or installation of mechanical locking devices and electronic
12 security systems for any type of compensation and includes the
13 following: repairing, rebuilding, recoding, servicing, adjusting,
14 installing, manipulating or bypassing of a mechanical or electronic
15 locking device, for controlled access or egress to premises, vehicles,
16 safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines or
17 other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be
18 limited; operating a mechanical or electronic locking device, safe or
19 vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such
20 locking devices, safes or vaults; or consulting and providing technical
21 advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of
22 mechanical or electronic locking devices and electronic security
23 systems; except that "locksmithing services" shall not include the
24 installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a
25 residence.

26 (o) "Qualified journeyman electrician" means a person registered
27 pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) or P.L. , c. (C.)
28 (now before the Legislature as this bill), as a qualified journeyman
29 electrician by the board.

30 (cf: P.L.1997, c.305, s.1)

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32 3. (New section) The board shall register as a qualified
33 journeyman electrician an applicant who:

34 a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by
35 the board;

36 b. Has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with
37 tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light,
38 heat or power, and has successfully completed a minimum of 576
39 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical
40 experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering,
41 estimating and other managerial tasks;

42 c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has
43 met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through
44 alternative means.

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46 4. (New section) a. On and after the effective date of P.L. , c.

1 (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill), any person desiring
2 to register as a qualified journeyman electrician shall make application
3 to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the fees required in
4 connection therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or
5 changed by the board to the extent necessary to defray all proper
6 expenses incurred by the board to administer the provisions of this act.
7 Fees shall not be fixed at a level, however, that will raise amounts in
8 excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

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10 5. (New section) The board shall keep a register of all applications
11 by individuals registering as qualified journeymen electricians, which
12 register shall include the following information: name, address,
13 telephone number, the age of the applicant; the date of the application;
14 the place of business of the applicant; whether the applicant was
15 accepted or rejected, and in the case of a rejection, the reasons for that
16 action; the registration number, if issued; the date of action of the
17 board; and any other information the board deems necessary.

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19 6. (New section) a. The board shall require each qualified
20 journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician
21 licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, as a
22 condition for triennial license renewal pursuant to section 1 of
23 P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7), to complete a 10-hour course of study
24 relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code.

25 b. The board shall approve all programs of education for the
26 10-hour course of study established pursuant to subsection a. of this
27 section and the instructors for those courses.

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29 7. (New section) The board may, in its discretion, waive
30 requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual
31 basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
32 the certificate of registration or other good cause.

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34 8. (New section) Notwithstanding any other law, rule or
35 regulation to the contrary, the renewal cycle for registration as a
36 qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed
37 electrical contractors.

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39 9. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment,
40 except that the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors may,
41 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
42 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate
43 the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

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The bill also stipulates that as a condition for triennial registration renewal, each qualified journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, shall complete a 10-hour course of study relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code. In addition, the bill provides that the board shall approve all programs of education for the 10-hour course of study and the instructors for those courses. Waivers of these continuing education requirements may be granted by the board on an individual basis due to hardship, retirement of the certificate of registration or for other good cause.

Further, the bill mandates that the three-year renewal cycle for registration as a qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed electrical contractors.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 663

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 4, 2000

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 663.

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The committee made technical amendments to the bill.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 663

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Zecker

SYNOPSIS

Establishes registration requirements for qualified journeymen electricians.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Commerce Committee on May 4, 2000, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/21/2000)

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19 pursuant to chapter 5A of Title 45 shall be issued for periods of three
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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SCM committee amendments adopted May 4, 2000.

1 business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical
2 equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical
3 energy;

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5 entity;

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7 maintenance of burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security systems,
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11 specifications for the equipment or system to be installed pursuant to
12 a survey, the installation of the equipment or system, or the
13 demonstration of the equipment or system after the installation is
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15 specifications for equipment or for a system that is prepared by an
16 engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1938, c.342
17 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pursuant to the provisions
18 of chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, if the survey, design,
19 or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction of
20 a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building or
21 premises, which renovation includes components other than the
22 installation of a burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security system,
23 and further does not include the design or preparation of specifications
24 for the equipment or system to be installed that are within the practice
25 of professional engineering as defined in subsection (b) of section 2 of
26 P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-28);

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28 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including
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36 Locksmith Advisory Committee created by section 3 of P.L.1997,
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18 other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be
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20 vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such
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22 advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of
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25 installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a
26 residence.

27 (o) "Qualified journeyman electrician" means a person registered
28 pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) or P.L. , c. (C.)
29 (now before the Legislature as this bill), as a qualified journeyman
30 electrician by the board.

31 (cf: P.L.1997, c.305, s.1)

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33 3. (New section) The board shall register as a qualified
34 journeyman electrician an applicant who:

35 a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by
36 the board; ¹or¹

37 b. Has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with
38 tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light,
39 heat or power, and has successfully completed a minimum of 576
40 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical
41 experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering,
42 estimating and other managerial tasks; ¹or¹

43 c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has
44 met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through
45 alternative means.

46 4. (New section) a. On and after the effective date

1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill), any
2 person desiring to register as a qualified journeyman electrician shall
3 make application to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the
4 fees required in connection therewith, which fees shall be established,
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30 requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual
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32 the certificate of registration or other good cause.

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43 the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 663

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 12, 2000

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 663 (1R).

This bill establishes a statutory definition of a qualified journeyman electrician and authorizes the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to issue certificates of registration for a period of three years to qualified journeymen electricians. The bill defines a "qualified journeyman electrician" as a person who: holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by the board and has applied to be registered as a qualified journeyman electrician; or has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light, heat or power and has successfully completed a minimum of 576 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering, estimating and other managerial tasks; or has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has gathered the required experience through alternative means. Currently, the board, by regulation, issues a qualified journeyman electrician identification card on a one-time basis to an individual who is eligible to be so registered.

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STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 663

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblyman ZECKER)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Currently, the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, by regulation, issues a qualified journeyman electrician identification card on a one-time basis to an individual who is eligible to be so registered. These amendments provide that any such identification card which has been issued before the effective date of this bill shall be valid for one year following the effective date of this bill. After the effective date of this bill, an applicant must comply with the provisions of the bill in order to be registered as a qualified journeyman electrician. In addition, the amendments remove certain specific requirements contained in the bill pertaining to experience and classroom hours of related instruction and provide, instead, that the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors shall establish these requirements by regulation.

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 663

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35 2. For the purpose of this act, unless otherwise indicated by the
36 context:

37 (a) "Act" means this act, P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) and
38 the rules and regulations adopted under it;

39 (b) "Board" means the Board of Examiners of Electrical
40 Contractors created by section 3 of this act;

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SCM committee amendments adopted May 4, 2000.

² Assembly floor amendments adopted November 20, 2000.

1 (d) "Electrical contractor" means a person who engages in the
2 business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical
3 equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical
4 energy;

5 (e) "Person" means a person, firm, corporation or other legal
6 entity;

7 (f) "Alarm business" means the installation, servicing or
8 maintenance of burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security systems,
9 or the monitoring or responding to alarm signals when provided in
10 conjunction therewith. "Installation," as used in this definition,
11 includes the survey of a premises, the design and preparation of the
12 specifications for the equipment or system to be installed pursuant to
13 a survey, the installation of the equipment or system, or the
14 demonstration of the equipment or system after the installation is
15 completed, but does not include any survey, design or preparation of
16 specifications for equipment or for a system that is prepared by an
17 engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1938, c.342
18 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pursuant to the provisions
19 of chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, if the survey, design,
20 or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction of
21 a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building or
22 premises, which renovation includes components other than the
23 installation of a burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security system,
24 and further does not include the design or preparation of specifications
25 for the equipment or system to be installed that are within the practice
26 of professional engineering as defined in subsection (b) of section 2 of
27 P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-28);

28 (g) "Burglar alarm" means a security system comprised of an
29 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including
30 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an
31 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and
32 providing a warning of intrusion, which is designed to discourage
33 crime;

34 (h) "Business firm" means a partnership, corporation or other
35 business entity engaged in the alarm business or locksmithing services;

36 (i) "Committee" means the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm, and
37 Locksmith Advisory Committee created by section 3 of P.L.1997,
38 c.305 (C.45:5A-23);

39 (j) "Electronic security system" means a security system comprised
40 of an interconnected series of devices or components, including
41 systems with audio and video signals or other electronic systems,
42 which emits or transmits an audible, visual or electronic signal warning
43 of intrusion and provides notification of authorized entry or exit,
44 which is designed to discourage crime;

45 (k) "Fire alarm" means a security system comprised of an
46 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including

1 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an
 2 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and
 3 which provides a warning of the presence of smoke or fire. "Fire
 4 alarm" does not mean a system whose primary purpose is
 5 telecommunications with energy control, the monitoring of the interior
 6 environment being an incidental feature thereto;

7 (l) "Licensed locksmith" means a person who is licensed pursuant
 8 to the provisions of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

9 (m) "Licensee" means a person licensed to engage in the alarm
 10 business or provide locksmithing services pursuant to the provisions
 11 of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

12 (n) "Locksmithing services" means the modification, recombination,
 13 repair or installation of mechanical locking devices and electronic
 14 security systems for any type of compensation and includes the
 15 following: repairing, rebuilding, recoding, servicing, adjusting,
 16 installing, manipulating or bypassing of a mechanical or electronic
 17 locking device, for controlled access or egress to premises, vehicles,
 18 safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines or
 19 other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be
 20 limited; operating a mechanical or electronic locking device, safe or
 21 vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such
 22 locking devices, safes or vaults; or consulting and providing technical
 23 advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of
 24 mechanical or electronic locking devices and electronic security
 25 systems; except that "locksmithing services" shall not include the
 26 installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a
 27 residence.

28 (o) "Qualified journeyman electrician" means a person registered
 29 pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) or P.L. , c. (C.)
 30 (now before the Legislature as this bill), as a qualified journeyman
 31 electrician by the board.

32 (cf: P.L.1997, c.305, s.1)

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34 3. (New section) The board shall register as a qualified
 35 journeyman electrician an applicant who:

36 a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by
 37 the board; ¹or¹

38 b. Has acquired ²[8,000 hours of] sufficient² practical experience
 39 working with tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for
 40 electric light, heat or power, ²as determined by the board,² and has
 41 successfully completed ²[a minimum of 576] an appropriate number
 42 of² classroom hours of related instruction, ²as determined by the
 43 board,² which requirement of practical experience shall not include
 44 time spent in supervising, engineering, estimating and other managerial
 45 tasks; ¹or¹

46 c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has

1 met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through
2 alternative means.

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4 4. (New section) a. On and after the effective date
5 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill), any
6 person desiring to register as a qualified journeyman electrician shall
7 make application to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the
8 fees required in connection therewith, which fees shall be established,
9 prescribed or changed by the board to the extent necessary to defray
10 all proper expenses incurred by the board to administer the provisions
11 of this act. Fees shall not be fixed at a level, however, that will raise
12 amounts in excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

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14 5. (New section) The board shall keep a register of all applications
15 by individuals registering as qualified journeymen electricians, which
16 register shall include the following information: name, address,
17 telephone number, the age of the applicant; the date of the application;
18 the place of business of the applicant; whether the applicant was
19 accepted or rejected, and in the case of a rejection, the reasons for that
20 action; the registration number, if issued; the date of action of the
21 board; and any other information the board deems necessary.

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23 6. (New section) a. The board shall require each qualified
24 journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician
25 licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, as a
26 condition for triennial license renewal pursuant to section 1 of
27 P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7), to complete a 10-hour course of study
28 relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code.

29 b. The board shall approve all programs of education for the
30 10-hour course of study established pursuant to subsection a. of this
31 section and the instructors for those courses.

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33 7. (New section) The board may, in its discretion, waive
34 requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual
35 basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
36 the certificate of registration or other good cause.

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38 8. (New section) Notwithstanding any other law, rule or
39 regulation to the contrary, the renewal cycle for registration as a
40 qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed
41 electrical contractors.

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43 29. (New section) A qualified journeyman electrician identification
44 card issued by the board pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:31-1.9 before the
45 effective date of P.L. ,c. (C.) (now pending before the
46 Legislature as this bill) shall be valid for a period of one year following

1 that date.²

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3 ²[9.] 10.² This act shall take effect on the 90th day following
4 enactment, except that the Board of Examiners of Electrical
5 Contractors may, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
6 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations
7 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2054

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GERALD H. ZECKER

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes registration requirements for qualified journeymen electricians.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A2054 ZECKER

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1 AN ACT concerning qualified journeymen electricians, amending
2 P.L.1972, c.108 and amending and supplementing P.L.1962, c.162.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6
7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Title 45 of the Revised
10 Statutes or of any other law to the contrary, all professional or
11 occupational licenses or certificates of registration, except such
12 licenses or certificates issued to real estate brokers or salesmen
13 pursuant to chapter 15 of Title 45, which prior to the effective date of
14 this act were issued for periods not exceeding one year and were
15 annually renewable, shall, on and after the effective date of this act, be
16 issued for periods of two years and be biennially renewable, except
17 that licenses and business permits issued to electrical contractors and
18 certificates of registration issued to qualified journeymen electricians
19 pursuant to chapter 5A of Title 45 shall be issued for periods of three
20 years and be triennially renewable; provided, however, the boards or
21 commissions in charge of the issuance or renewal of such licenses or
22 certificates may, in order to stagger the expiration dates thereof,
23 provide that those first issued or renewed after the effective date of
24 this act, shall expire and become void on a date fixed by the respective
25 boards or commissions, not sooner than six months nor later than
26 29 months, after the date of issue.

27 The fees for the respective licenses and certificates of registration
28 issued pursuant to this act for periods of less or greater than one year
29 shall be in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees
30 established by law.

31 (cf: P.L.1991, c.6, s.1)

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40 Contractors created by section 3 of this act;

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43 business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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2 energy;

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4 entity;

5 (f) "Alarm business" means the installation, servicing or
6 maintenance of burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security systems,
7 or the monitoring or responding to alarm signals when provided in
8 conjunction therewith. "Installation," as used in this definition,
9 includes the survey of a premises, the design and preparation of the
10 specifications for the equipment or system to be installed pursuant to
11 a survey, the installation of the equipment or system, or the
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14 specifications for equipment or for a system that is prepared by an
15 engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1938, c.342
16 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pursuant to the provisions
17 of chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, if the survey, design,
18 or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction of
19 a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building or
20 premises, which renovation includes components other than the
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22 and further does not include the design or preparation of specifications
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30 providing a warning of intrusion, which is designed to discourage
31 crime;

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33 business entity engaged in the alarm business or locksmithing services;

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3 telecommunications with energy control, the monitoring of the interior
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15 locking device, for controlled access or egress to premises, vehicles,
16 safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines or
17 other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be
18 limited; operating a mechanical or electronic locking device, safe or
19 vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such
20 locking devices, safes or vaults; or consulting and providing technical
21 advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of
22 mechanical or electronic locking devices and electronic security
23 systems; except that "locksmithing services" shall not include the
24 installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a
25 residence.

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28 (now before the Legislature as this bill), as a qualified journeyman
29 electrician by the board.

30 (cf: P.L.1997, c.305, s.1)

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32 3. (New section) The board shall register as a qualified
33 journeyman electrician an applicant who:

34 a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by
35 the board;

36 b. Has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with
37 tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light,
38 heat or power, and has successfully completed a minimum of 576
39 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical
40 experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering,
41 estimating and other managerial tasks;

42 c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has
43 met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through
44 alternative means.

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46 4. (New section) a. On and after the effective date of P.L. , c.
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2 to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the fees required in
3 connection therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or
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24 b. The board shall approve all programs of education for the 10-
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26 section and the instructors for those courses.

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28 7. (New section) The board may, in its discretion, waive
29 requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual
30 basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
31 the certificate of registration or other good cause.

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33 8. (New section) Notwithstanding any other law, rule or
34 regulation to the contrary, the renewal cycle for registration as a
35 qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed
36 electrical contractors.

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38 9. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment,
39 except that the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors may,
40 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
41 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate
42 the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

STATEMENT

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This bill establishes a statutory definition of a qualified journeyman electrician and authorizes the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to issue certificates of registration for a period of three years to qualified journeymen electricians. The bill defines a "qualified journeyman electrician" as a person who: holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by the board and has applied to be registered as a qualified journeyman electrician; or has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light, heat or power and has successfully completed a minimum of 576 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering, estimating and other managerial tasks; or has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has gathered the required experience through alternative means. Currently, the board, by regulation, issues a qualified journeyman electrician identification card on a one-time basis to an individual who is eligible to be so registered.

The bill also stipulates that as a condition for triennial registration renewal, each qualified journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, shall complete a 10-hour course of study relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code. In addition, the bill provides that the board shall approve all programs of education for the 10-hour course of study and the instructors for those courses. Waivers of these continuing education requirements may be granted by the board on an individual basis due to hardship, retirement of the certificate of registration or for other good cause.

Further, the bill mandates that the three-year renewal cycle for registration as a qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed electrical contractors.

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2054

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 12, 2000`

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2054.

As amended, this bill establishes a statutory definition of a qualified journeyman electrician and authorizes the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to issue certificates of registration for a period of three years to qualified journeymen electricians. The bill defines a "qualified journeyman electrician" as a person who: holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by the board and has applied to be registered as a qualified journeyman electrician; or has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light, heat or power and has successfully completed a minimum of 576 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering, estimating and other managerial tasks; or has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has gathered the required experience through alternative means. Currently, the board, by regulation, issues a qualified journeyman electrician identification card on a one-time basis to an individual who is eligible to be so registered.

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The committee made technical amendments to the bill.

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2054

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GERALD H. ZECKER

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes registration requirements for qualified journeymen electricians.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee on October 12, 2000, with amendments.



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2 P.L.1972, c.108 and amending and supplementing P.L.1962, c.162.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
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23 provide that those first issued or renewed after the effective date of
24 this act, shall expire and become void on a date fixed by the respective
25 boards or commissions, not sooner than six months nor later than
26 29 months, after the date of issue.

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2 equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical
3 energy;

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18 other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be
19 limited; operating a mechanical or electronic locking device, safe or
20 vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such
21 locking devices, safes or vaults; or consulting and providing technical
22 advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of
23 mechanical or electronic locking devices and electronic security
24 systems; except that "locksmithing services" shall not include the
25 installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a
26 residence.

27 (o) "Qualified journeyman electrician" means a person registered
28 pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) or P.L. , c. (C.)
29 (now before the Legislature as this bill), as a qualified journeyman
30 electrician by the board.

31 (cf: P.L.1997, c.305, s.1)

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33 3. (New section) The board shall register as a qualified
34 journeyman electrician an applicant who:

35 a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by
36 the board; ¹or¹

37 b. Has acquired 8,000 hours of practical experience working with
38 tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light,
39 heat or power, and has successfully completed a minimum of 576
40 classroom hours of related instruction, which requirement of practical
41 experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering,
42 estimating and other managerial tasks; ¹or¹

43 c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has
44 met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through
45 alternative means.

1 4. (New section) a. On and after the effective date of P.L. , c.
2 (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill), any person desiring
3 to register as a qualified journeyman electrician shall make application
4 to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the fees required in
5 connection therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or
6 changed by the board to the extent necessary to defray all proper
7 expenses incurred by the board to administer the provisions of this act.
8 Fees shall not be fixed at a level, however, that will raise amounts in
9 excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

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11 5. (New section) The board shall keep a register of all applications
12 by individuals registering as qualified journeymen electricians, which
13 register shall include the following information: name, address,
14 telephone number, the age of the applicant; the date of the application;
15 the place of business of the applicant; whether the applicant was
16 accepted or rejected, and in the case of a rejection, the reasons for that
17 action; the registration number, if issued; the date of action of the
18 board; and any other information the board deems necessary.

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20 6. (New section) a. The board shall require each qualified
21 journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician
22 licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, as a
23 condition for triennial license renewal pursuant to section 1 of
24 P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7), to complete a 10-hour course of study
25 relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code.

26 b. The board shall approve all programs of education for the 10-
27 hour course of study established pursuant to subsection a. of this
28 section and the instructors for those courses.

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30 7. (New section) The board may, in its discretion, waive
31 requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual
32 basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
33 the certificate of registration or other good cause.

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35 8. (New section) Notwithstanding any other law, rule or
36 regulation to the contrary, the renewal cycle for registration as a
37 qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed
38 electrical contractors.

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40 9. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment,
41 except that the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors may,
42 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
43 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate
44 the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

§§3-8 -
C.45:5A-11.1
to 45:5A-11.6
§9 - T&E and note
to §3
§10 - Note to §§1-9

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 21, *approved February 2, 2001*
Senate, No. 663 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning qualified journeymen electricians, amending
2 P.L.1972, c.108 and amending and supplementing P.L.1962, c.162.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Title 45 of the Revised
10 Statutes or of any other law to the contrary, all professional or
11 occupational licenses or certificates of registration, except such
12 licenses or certificates issued to real estate brokers or salesmen
13 pursuant to chapter 15 of Title 45, which prior to the effective date of
14 this act were issued for periods not exceeding one year and were
15 annually renewable, shall, on and after the effective date of this act, be
16 issued for periods of two years and be biennially renewable, except
17 that licenses and business permits issued to electrical contractors and
18 certificates of registration issued to qualified journeymen electricians
19 pursuant to chapter 5A of Title 45 shall be issued for periods of three
20 years and be triennially renewable; provided, however, the boards or
21 commissions in charge of the issuance or renewal of such licenses or
22 certificates may, in order to stagger the expiration dates thereof,
23 provide that those first issued or renewed after the effective date of
24 this act, shall expire and become void on a date fixed by the respective
25 boards or commissions, not sooner than six months nor later than
26 29 months, after the date of issue.

27 The fees for the respective licenses and certificates of registration
28 issued pursuant to this act for periods of less or greater than one year
29 shall be in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees
30 established by law.

31 (cf: P.L.1991, c.6, s.1)

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33 2. Section 2 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-2) is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 2. For the purpose of this act, unless otherwise indicated by the

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SCM committee amendments adopted May 4, 2000.

² Assembly floor amendments adopted November 20, 2000.

1 context:

2 (a) "Act" means this act, P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) and
3 the rules and regulations adopted under it;

4 (b) "Board" means the Board of Examiners of Electrical
5 Contractors created by section 3 of this act;

6 (c) "Department" means the Department of Law and Public Safety;

7 (d) "Electrical contractor" means a person who engages in the
8 business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical
9 equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical
10 energy;

11 (e) "Person" means a person, firm, corporation or other legal
12 entity;

13 (f) "Alarm business" means the installation, servicing or
14 maintenance of burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security systems,
15 or the monitoring or responding to alarm signals when provided in
16 conjunction therewith. "Installation," as used in this definition,
17 includes the survey of a premises, the design and preparation of the
18 specifications for the equipment or system to be installed pursuant to
19 a survey, the installation of the equipment or system, or the
20 demonstration of the equipment or system after the installation is
21 completed, but does not include any survey, design or preparation of
22 specifications for equipment or for a system that is prepared by an
23 engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1938, c.342
24 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pursuant to the provisions
25 of chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, if the survey, design,
26 or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction of
27 a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building or
28 premises, which renovation includes components other than the
29 installation of a burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security system,
30 and further does not include the design or preparation of specifications
31 for the equipment or system to be installed that are within the practice
32 of professional engineering as defined in subsection (b) of section 2 of
33 P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-28);

34 (g) "Burglar alarm" means a security system comprised of an
35 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including
36 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an
37 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and
38 providing a warning of intrusion, which is designed to discourage
39 crime;

40 (h) "Business firm" means a partnership, corporation or other
41 business entity engaged in the alarm business or locksmithing services;

42 (i) "Committee" means the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm, and
43 Locksmith Advisory Committee created by section 3 of P.L.1997,
44 c.305 (C.45:5A-23);

45 (j) "Electronic security system" means a security system comprised
46 of an interconnected series of devices or components, including

1 systems with audio and video signals or other electronic systems,
2 which emits or transmits an audible, visual or electronic signal warning
3 of intrusion and provides notification of authorized entry or exit,
4 which is designed to discourage crime;

5 (k) "Fire alarm" means a security system comprised of an
6 interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including
7 systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an
8 audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and
9 which provides a warning of the presence of smoke or fire. "Fire
10 alarm" does not mean a system whose primary purpose is
11 telecommunications with energy control, the monitoring of the interior
12 environment being an incidental feature thereto;

13 (l) "Licensed locksmith" means a person who is licensed pursuant
14 to the provisions of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

15 (m) "Licensee" means a person licensed to engage in the alarm
16 business or provide locksmithing services pursuant to the provisions
17 of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

18 (n) "Locksmithing services" means the modification, recombination,
19 repair or installation of mechanical locking devices and electronic
20 security systems for any type of compensation and includes the
21 following: repairing, rebuilding, recoding, servicing, adjusting,
22 installing, manipulating or bypassing of a mechanical or electronic
23 locking device, for controlled access or egress to premises, vehicles,
24 safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines or
25 other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be
26 limited; operating a mechanical or electronic locking device, safe or
27 vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such
28 locking devices, safes or vaults; or consulting and providing technical
29 advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of
30 mechanical or electronic locking devices and electronic security
31 systems; except that "locksmithing services" shall not include the
32 installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a
33 residence.

34 (o) "Qualified journeyman electrician" means a person registered
35 pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) or P.L. , c. (C.)
36 (now before the Legislature as this bill), as a qualified journeyman
37 electrician by the board.

38 (cf: P.L.1997, c.305, s.1)

39

40 3. (New section) The board shall register as a qualified
41 journeyman electrician an applicant who:

42 a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by
43 the board; ¹or¹

44 b. Has acquired ²[8,000 hours of] sufficient² practical experience
45 working with tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for
46 electric light, heat or power, ²as determined by the board.² and has

1 successfully completed ²[a minimum of 576] an appropriate number
2 of² classroom hours of related instruction, ²as determined by the
3 board.² which requirement of practical experience shall not include
4 time spent in supervising, engineering, estimating and other managerial
5 tasks; ¹or¹

6 c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has
7 met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through
8 alternative means.

9
10 4. (New section) a. On and after the effective date
11 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now before the Legislature as this bill), any
12 person desiring to register as a qualified journeyman electrician shall
13 make application to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the
14 fees required in connection therewith, which fees shall be established,
15 prescribed or changed by the board to the extent necessary to defray
16 all proper expenses incurred by the board to administer the provisions
17 of this act. Fees shall not be fixed at a level, however, that will raise
18 amounts in excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

19
20 5. (New section) The board shall keep a register of all applications
21 by individuals registering as qualified journeymen electricians, which
22 register shall include the following information: name, address,
23 telephone number, the age of the applicant; the date of the application;
24 the place of business of the applicant; whether the applicant was
25 accepted or rejected, and in the case of a rejection, the reasons for that
26 action; the registration number, if issued; the date of action of the
27 board; and any other information the board deems necessary.

28
29 6. (New section) a. The board shall require each qualified
30 journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician
31 licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, as a
32 condition for triennial license renewal pursuant to section 1 of
33 P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7), to complete a 10-hour course of study
34 relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code.

35 b. The board shall approve all programs of education for the
36 10-hour course of study established pursuant to subsection a. of this
37 section and the instructors for those courses.

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39 7. (New section) The board may, in its discretion, waive
40 requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual
41 basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of
42 the certificate of registration or other good cause.

43
44 8. (New section) Notwithstanding any other law, rule or
45 regulation to the contrary, the renewal cycle for registration as a
46 qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed

1 electrical contractors.

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3 ²9. (New section) A qualified journeyman electrician identification
4 card issued by the board pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:31-1.9 before the
5 effective date of P.L. _____, c. _____ (C. _____) (now pending before the
6 Legislature as this bill) shall be valid for a period of one year following
7 that date.²

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9 ²[9.] 10.² This act shall take effect on the 90th day following
10 enactment, except that the Board of Examiners of Electrical
11 Contractors may, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
12 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations
13 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

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18 Establishes registration requirements for qualified journeymen
19 electricians.

CHAPTER 21

AN ACT concerning qualified journeymen electricians, amending P.L.1972, c.108 and amending and supplementing P.L.1962, c.162.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 1 of P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:1-7 Issuance of certain licenses or certificates of registration.

1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes or of any other law to the contrary, all professional or occupational licenses or certificates of registration, except such licenses or certificates issued to real estate brokers or salesmen pursuant to chapter 15 of Title 45, which prior to the effective date of this act were issued for periods not exceeding one year and were annually renewable, shall, on and after the effective date of this act, be issued for periods of two years and be biennially renewable, except that licenses and business permits issued to electrical contractors and certificates of registration issued to qualified journeymen electricians pursuant to chapter 5A of Title 45 shall be issued for periods of three years and be triennially renewable; provided, however, the boards or commissions in charge of the issuance or renewal of such licenses or certificates may, in order to stagger the expiration dates thereof, provide that those first issued or renewed after the effective date of this act, shall expire and become void on a date fixed by the respective boards or commissions, not sooner than six months nor later than 29 months, after the date of issue.

The fees for the respective licenses and certificates of registration issued pursuant to this act for periods of less or greater than one year shall be in amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established by law.

2. Section 2 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:5A-2 Definitions.

2. For the purpose of this act, unless otherwise indicated by the context:

(a) "Act" means this act, P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) and the rules and regulations adopted under it;

(b) "Board" means the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors created by section 3 of this act;

(c) "Department" means the Department of Law and Public Safety;

(d) "Electrical contractor" means a person who engages in the business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical energy;

(e) "Person" means a person, firm, corporation or other legal entity;

(f) "Alarm business" means the installation, servicing or maintenance of burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security systems, or the monitoring or responding to alarm signals when provided in conjunction therewith. "Installation," as used in this definition, includes the survey of a premises, the design and preparation of the specifications for the equipment or system to be installed pursuant to a survey, the installation of the equipment or system, or the demonstration of the equipment or system after the installation is completed, but does not include any survey, design or preparation of specifications for equipment or for a system that is prepared by an engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), or an architect licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, if the survey, design, or preparation of specifications is part of a design for construction of a new building or premises or a renovation of an existing building or premises, which renovation includes components other than the installation of a burglar alarm, fire alarm or electronic security system, and further does not include the design or preparation of specifications for the equipment or system to be installed that are within the practice of professional engineering as defined in subsection (b) of section 2 of P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-28);

(g) "Burglar alarm" means a security system comprised of an interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and providing a warning of intrusion, which is designed to discourage crime;

(h) "Business firm" means a partnership, corporation or other business entity engaged in the alarm business or locksmithing services;

(i) "Committee" means the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm, and Locksmith Advisory Committee created by section 3 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-23);

(j) "Electronic security system" means a security system comprised of an interconnected series of devices or components, including systems with audio and video signals or other electronic systems, which emits or transmits an audible, visual or electronic signal warning of intrusion and provides notification of authorized entry or exit, which is designed to discourage crime;

(k) "Fire alarm" means a security system comprised of an interconnected series of alarm devices or components, including systems interconnected with radio frequency signals, which emits an audible, visual or electronic signal indicating an alarm condition and which provides a warning of the presence of smoke or fire. "Fire alarm" does not mean a system whose primary purpose is telecommunications with energy control, the monitoring of the interior environment being an incidental feature thereto;

(l) "Licensed locksmith" means a person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

(m) "Licensee" means a person licensed to engage in the alarm business or provide locksmithing services pursuant to the provisions of section 7 of P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-27);

(n) "Locksmithing services" means the modification, recombination, repair or installation of mechanical locking devices and electronic security systems for any type of compensation and includes the following: repairing, rebuilding, recoding, servicing, adjusting, installing, manipulating or bypassing of a mechanical or electronic locking device, for controlled access or egress to premises, vehicles, safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines or other devices for safeguarding areas where access is meant to be limited; operating a mechanical or electronic locking device, safe or vault by means other than those intended by the manufacturer of such locking devices, safes or vaults; or consulting and providing technical advice regarding selection of hardware and locking systems of mechanical or electronic locking devices and electronic security systems; except that "locksmithing services" shall not include the installation of a prefabricated lock set and door knob into a door of a residence;

(o) "Qualified journeyman electrician" means a person registered pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1 et al.), as a qualified journeyman electrician by the board.

C.45:5A-11.1 Registration as qualified journeyman electrician.

3. The board shall register as a qualified journeyman electrician an applicant who:

a. Holds a current valid license to practice electrical contracting by the board; or

b. Has acquired sufficient practical experience working with tools in the installation, alteration or repair of wiring for electric light, heat or power, as determined by the board, and has successfully completed an appropriate number of classroom hours of related instruction, as determined by the board, which requirement of practical experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engineering, estimating and other managerial tasks; or

c. Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that he has met the requirements of subsection b. of this section through alternative means.

C.45:5A-11.2 Application for registration as qualified journeyman electrician.

4. On and after the effective date of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1 et al.), any person desiring to register as a qualified journeyman electrician shall make application to the board to be so registered and shall pay all the fees required in connection therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or changed by the board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by the board to administer the provisions of this act. Fees shall not be fixed at a level, however, that will raise amounts in excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

C.45:5A-11.3 Register of applications.

5. The board shall keep a register of all applications by individuals registering as qualified

journeymen electricians, which register shall include the following information: name, address, telephone number, the age of the applicant; the date of the application; the place of business of the applicant; whether the applicant was accepted or rejected, and in the case of a rejection, the reasons for that action; the registration number, if issued; the date of action of the board; and any other information the board deems necessary.

C.45:5A-11.4 Continuing education required for license renewal.

6. a. The board shall require each qualified journeyman electrician, other than a qualified journeyman electrician licensed to practice electrical contracting issued by the board, as a condition for triennial license renewal pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7), to complete a 10-hour course of study relating to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code.

b. The board shall approve all programs of education for the 10-hour course of study established pursuant to subsection a. of this section and the instructors for those courses.

C.45:5A-11.5 Waiver of continuing education requirements.

7. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for continuing education under this act on an individual basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of the certificate of registration or other good cause.

C.45:5A-11.6 Renewal cycle for registration.

8. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the renewal cycle for registration as a qualified journeyman electrician shall be the same as that for licensed electrical contractors.

9. A qualified journeyman electrician identification card issued by the board pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:31-1.9 before the effective date of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1 et al.) shall be valid for a period of one year following that date.

10. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment, except that the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors may, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act during the 90 days.

Approved February 2, 2001.

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NEWS RELEASE

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Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed the following legislation:

S-173, sponsored by Senators McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Vitale (D-Middlesex) and Assemblymen Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic) removes the cap on grants from the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Remediation, Upgrade and Closure Fund. The legislation delays the implementation of a limit on the total amount of money that can be made available as grants until March 2004.

The Underground Storage Tank Finance Act, established in 1997, was created to finance loans and grants for the removal or upgrade of regulated underground storage tanks and for the costs of remediation necessary due to discharge of petroleum from regulated tanks.

Originally, no more than ten percent of the monies in the Fund could be annually distributed as grants. In 1999, it was increased to one-third for distribution of funds beginning in January 2000. Applications for grants continued to exceed applications for loans. As a result loan monies were not being used and projects were idle. This bill addresses the need to make sure projects are proceeding and underground tanks are being upgraded, closed or remediated in a timely manner.

S-663, sponsored by Senator Bucco (R-Morris) and Assemblyman Zecker (R-Essex/Passaic), establishes registration requirements for qualified journeymen electricians. Specifically the legislation codifies the regulatory definition of qualified journeyman electrician and authorizes the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors to issue certificates of registration for a period of three years to qualified journeymen electricians. As a condition of registration renewal, a 10-hour course of study related to the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code must be completed. These course programs and the instructors who teach them will be approved by the Board. Continuing education requirements can be waived on an individual basis. Any qualified journeymen electrician identification card that has been issued before the effective date of this bill will be valid for one year following the bill's effective date.