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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION 54-1001, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE DECLARATION OF POLICY; AMENDING SECTION 54-1001D, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE IS-SUANCE OF A CERTAIN PERMIT AND TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING SECTION 54-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR MASTER ELECTRICIANS, TO PROVIDE FOR FACILITY ACCOUNTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1003A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION, TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO 10 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1004, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING NOTIFICATION, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND 11 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1005, IDAHO CODE, 12 TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INSPECTIONS 13 AND PERMITS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1008, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE 14 15 PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FACILITY ACCOUNTS LICENSE AND TO MAKE TECH-NICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1009, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE 16 FOR REGISTRATIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY NOT REVOKE 17 A CERTAIN LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN INSURANCE; AMENDING 18 19 SECTION 54-1010, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS AND TO PRO-VIDE FOR MASTER ELECTRICIANS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1014, IDAHO CODE, 20 TO PROVIDE FOR A FACILITY ACCOUNT LICENSE FEE; AND AMENDING SECTION 21 54-1016, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND TO REVISE TERMI-22 NOLOGY. 23

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1001, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 25 amended to read as follows: 26

54-1001. DECLARATION OF POLICY. From and after the taking effect of this act, all installations in the state of Idaho of wires and equipment to convey electric current and installations of apparatus to be operated by such current, except as hereinafter provided, shall be made substantially in accord with the National Electrical Code of 1971, NFPA 70, as amended and approved by the American Standards Institute Idaho electrical board and adopted by the Idaho legislature, relating to such work as far as the same covers both fire and personal injury hazards, and as the National Electrical Code shall be amended, revised, compiled and published from time to time and as such amendments or revisions are adopted by the Idaho electrical board.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-1001D, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1001D. INSPECTIONS OF MODULAR BUILDINGS -- WHEN AUTHORIZED -- AP-39 PROVAL AND CERTIFICATION. (1) Notwithstanding the exemption provided in 40

subsection (1) (c) of section 54-1016, Idaho Code, the administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections of any modular building upon written request from the manufacturer.

- (a) Inspections shall be made in accordance with the codes adopted in this chapter.
- (b) Inspection fees shall be as provided in section 39-4303, Idaho Code.
- (c) The administrator may issue inspection tags electrical permits for inspections if the installation of electrical equipment, conductors and apparatus in modular buildings are in compliance with the codes adopted in this chapter.
- (2) The administrator of the division of building safety is hereby authorized to make inspections of electrical installations as set forth herein and to issue inspection tags results covering such installations.

SECTION 3. That Section 54-1002, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1002. LICENSE ESSENTIAL TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS -- LICENSURE AUTHOR-ITY EXCLUSIVE TO THE STATE. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation, to act, or attempt to act, as an electrical contractor or special electrical contractor in this state until such person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation, shall have received a license as an electrical contractor, as herein defined, issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter by the administrator of the division of building safety.

- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a journeyman or master electrician in this state until such person shall have received a license as a journeyman or master electrician, as herein defined, issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, by the administrator of the division of building safety, provided, however, that any person who has been issued a master electrician's license pursuant to this chapter may act as a journeyman electrician.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person to act as a specialty electrician in this state until such person shall have received a license as a specialty electrician, as herein defined, issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, by the administrator of the division of building safety, provided however, that any person who has been issued a master electrician's license or a journeyman electrician's license pursuant to this act may act as a specialty electrician.
- (4) Licensure of electrical contractors, journeyman electricians, master electricians, specialty electricians, specialty electrical contractors, facility accounts and registration of apprentice electricians shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the state pursuant to this chapter and no local jurisdiction shall have the authority to require additional licensure or registration or to require payment of any fees in order for any licensee or registrant to engage in the electrical construction trade within the local jurisdiction or to issue licenses or registrations to persons licensed or registered under this chapter which are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or rules promulgated by the division of building safety. The state shall investigate all local infractions and state vio-

lations of this chapter and prosecute the same. The local jurisdictions will assist the state by requesting investigations within their jurisdictions. Nothing in this chapter shall restrict a city or county from imposing stricter public safety rules, notwithstanding any provision of Idaho Code.

SECTION 4. That Section 54-1003, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1003. ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORITY. (1) Only the administrator of the division of building safety of the state of Idaho is authorized and empowered to conduct examinations and to pass upon the qualifications of applicants, and to grant and issue licenses or registrations to such applicants as are found to be qualified to engage in the trade, business or calling of a journeyman electrician, electrical contractor, master electrician, specialty electrical trainee or apprentice electrician in the manner and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.
- (2) No licenses <u>or registrations</u> granted hereunder shall be transferable. Licenses <u>and registrations</u> shall be issued upon the condition that the holder thereof shall comply with all provisions of this chapter.
- (3) The administrator of the division of building safety is authorized to impose civil penalties as provided in this chapter.
- SECTION 5. That Section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-1003A. DEFINITIONS. (1) Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting, or carrying on the business of installing wires or equipment to carry electric current or installing apparatus to be operated by such current, or entering into agreements to install such wires, equipment or apparatus, shall for the purpose of this act be known as an electrical contractor. An electrical contractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.
- (2) Journeyman Electrician. Except as provided in section 54-1016, Idaho Code, and subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this section, any person who personally performs or supervises the actual physical work of installing electric wiring or equipment to convey electric current, or apparatus to be operated by such current, shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as a journeyman electrician.
- (3) Apprentice Electrician. Any person who, for the purpose of learning the trade of journeyman electrician, engages in the installation of electric wiring, equipment, or apparatus while under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman electrician shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as an apprentice electrician.
- (4) Maintenance Electrician. Any person who is regularly employed to service, maintain or repair electrical apparatus, or to make minor repairs or alterations to existing electrical wires or equipment located on his em-

ployer's premises shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as a maintenance electrician.

- (5) Master Electrician. A person who has the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to plan, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ out or design the installation of electrical wiring or equipment, or to supervise such planning, layout, or design, and who performs or supervises such planning, layout or design, shall for the purpose of this act be known as a master electrician.
- (6) Specialty Electrician. A person having the necessary qualifications, training, experience and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair and supervise the <u>installing installation</u>, <u>altering alteration</u> or repairing of special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within categories adopted by the board. Specialty electricians shall perform work only within the scope of the specialty category for which the person is licensed.
- (7) Specialty Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting or carrying on the business of installing, altering or repairing special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within categories adopted by the board, or entering into agreements to perform such specialty work, shall for the purpose of this act be known as a specialty electrical contractor. Specialty electrical contractors shall perform work only within the scope of the specialty category for which the contractor is licensed. A specialty electrical contractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.
- (8) Specialty Electrical Trainee. Any person who, for the purpose of learning the trade of a specialty electrician, engages in the installation of electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus while under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified specialty electrician shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as a specialty electrical trainee.
- (9) Electrical Facility Employer Account or Facility Account. An employer licensed with the division of building safety who employs individuals holding valid journeyman or master electrician licenses to perform alterations, extensions and new installations of electrical systems or components thereof on premises owned by the employer. The employer may also employ maintenance electricians in accordance with section 54-1016, Idaho Code.

SECTION 6. That Section 54-1004, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1004. INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS -- NOTICE OF DEFECTS CORRECTIONS -- DISCONNECTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE. The administrator of the division of building safety may, during reasonable hours, inspect, reinspect or test any electrical installation coming under the provisions of this act. If, upon inspection, any electrical installation is found to be not in conformity with the provisions of this act, the person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation making such installation shall immediately be notified by any method, in writing as determined by the di-

vision of building safety, including electronic communication. The notice shall clearly indicate any and all defects violations to be corrected and specify a definite period of time during which such corrections shall be made. The administrator may cut de-energize, have made safe or disconnect any wire conductor in cases of emergency where necessary for safety of life or property, or order the disconnection of electrical service to any electrical installation, coming under the provisions of this act, when such installation is found to be dangerous to life or property.

 SECTION 7. That Section 54-1005, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1005. RULES -- INSPECTIONS -- INSPECTION TAGS ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FEES. (1) The administrator of the division of building safety is hereby authorized and directed to enforce rules consistent with this act for the administration of this act and to effectuate the purposes thereof, and for the examination and licensing of electrical contractors, journeyman electricians, master electricians, specialty electricians, specialty electrical contractors, specialty electrical trainees and apprentice electricians, and to make inspections of electrical installations referred to in section 54-1001, Idaho Code, and to issue inspection tags electrical permits covering such installations, and to collect the fees established therefor.

- (2) The administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections for another state or local jurisdiction upon request by an appropriate building official. Such inspections shall be made in accordance with the applicable electrical codes of the requesting jurisdiction. Fees charged for such inspection services shall be as provided in the rules promulgated by the board.
- (3) Individuals, firms, cooperatives, corporations, or municipalities selling electricity, hereinafter known as the power supplier, shall not connect with or energize any electrical installation, coming under the provisions of this act, unless the owner or a licensed electrical contractor has delivered to the power supplier an inspection tag, issued has been conducted and resulted as "passed" by the administrator, covering the installation to be energized. Immediately after an installation has been Electrical installations approved by the board and addressed through administrative rule may be connected and energized, by the power supplier shall deliver to after the administrator or his authorized agent, the inspection tag covering such installation purchase of an electrical permit by a licensed electrical contractor.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation other than a power supplier, to energize any electrical installation coming under the provisions of this act unless an application for prior to the purchase of an electrical inspection tag, permit covering such installation, together with the inspection fee herein provided, has been forwarded to the administrator.

SECTION 8. That Section 54-1008, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1008. DURATION OF LICENSE. (1) All licenses, including license renewals, for master electricians, journeyman electricians and specialty journeyman electricians shall be issue issued for a period of three (3) years, and shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.

- (2) Electrical contractor and specialty electrical contractor licenses issued after July 1, 2002_r shall be issue issued for a period of one (1) year and shall expire one (1) year from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.
- (3) Electrical apprentice registrations issued or renewed after July 1, 2009, shall be issued for a period of five (5) years.
- (4) Electrical specialty trainee registrations issued or renewed after July 1, 2009, shall be issued for a period of three (3) years.
- (5) Facility account licenses shall be issued and renewed for a period of one (1) year.
- $\underline{\mbox{(6)}}$ Each licensing period and each registration period shall end at midnight on the last day of the month of the licensing or registration period. Licenses and registrations not renewed by this date shall have expired.
- (67) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered system of issuing and renewing licenses.

SECTION 9. That Section 54-1009, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1009. REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSES -- HEARINGS -- TAKING TESTIMONY. (1) The administrator shall have power to revoke or suspend any license or registration if the same was obtained through error or fraud, or if the holder thereof is shown to be grossly incompetent, or has willfully violated any of the rules prescribed by the board, or as prescribed in this chapter; or has, after due notice, failed or refused to correct, within the specified time, any electrical installation not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, or has failed to pay within the time provided, civil penalties which have become final by operation of law.
- (2) The administrator shall have the power to revoke or suspend any electrical contractor or electrical specialty contractor license if, at any time during the term of active contractor or specialty contractor licensure, the licensee failed to maintain required liability insurance or applicable worker's compensation insurance.
- (3) Before any license shall be revoked or suspended, the holder thereof shall have written notice enumerating the charges against him, and shall be given a hearing by said administrator, and have an opportunity to produce testimony in his behalf, at a time and place specified in said notice, which time shall not be less than five (5) days after the service thereof.
 - (a) The proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.
 - (b) Any party aggrieved by the action of the administrator shall be entitled to judicial review thereof in accordance with the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

(4) The administrator shall have the power to appoint, by an order in writing, a hearing officer to take testimony, who shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the decision of the administrator shall be based on his examination of the testimony taken and the records produced. Any person whose license has been revoked may, after the expiration of one (1) year from the date of such revocation, but not before, apply for a new license.

SECTION 10. That Section 54-1010, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1010. INSTALLATIONS BY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR PERFORMED BY LICENSED JOURNEYMAN -- PRIOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS ENTITLED TO LICENSE -- LIST OF ELECTRICIANS IN CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOY. (1) On and after July 1, 1961, aAny electrical contractor who works as a journeyman electrician, as herein defined, shall be required to have a journeyman electrician's license or master electrician's license issued under the provisions of this act. All installations of electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus made by an electrical contractor shall be done by or under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or licensed master electrician.
- (2) The individual owner of an electrical contracting business may act as his own journeyman electrician or master electrician provided that he has complied with the provisions of section 54-1002, Idaho Code, pertaining to journeyman electrician. Each electrical contractor in this state shall, upon request of the administrator, or his authorized agent, furnish a list of journeyman electricians in said electrical contractor's employ.
- (3) From and after July 1, 1986, aAny individual working as an apprentice electrician, as defined in this act, must be registered with the division of building safety, as an apprentice electrician, as provided in section 54-1007, Idaho Code; and it shall be unlawful for an individual to work as an apprentice electrician without possessing a current apprentice registration certificate.
- (4) On and after July 1, 1999, aAny individual working as a specialty electrical trainee, as defined in this chapter, must be registered with the division of building safety, as a specialty electrical trainee. It shall be unlawful for an individual to work as a specialty electrical trainee without possessing a current registration certificate.

SECTION 11. That Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1014. FEES. The administrator of the division of building safety shall charge the following fees:

40	(1)	Application for license	\$ 15.00
41	(2)	One-year licenses:	
42	(a)	Electrical contractor license	\$125.00
43	(b)	Electrical contractor license renewal	100.00
44	(C)	Electrical contractor license revival	125.00
45	(d)	Specialty contractor license	125.00
46	(e)	Specialty contractor license renewal	100.00
47	(f)	Specialty contractor license revival	125.00

1	<u>(g)</u>	Facility account license 125.00
2	(3)	Three-year licenses, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and
3	54-1013,	Idaho Code:
4	(a)	Master electrician license \$65.00
5	(b)	Master electrician license renewal 45.00
6	(C)	Master electrician license revival 55.00
7	(d)	Journeyman electrician license 55.00
8	(e)	Journeyman electrician license renewal 45.00
9	(f)	Journeyman electrician license revival 55.00
10	(g)	Specialty journeyman electrician license 55.00
11	(h)	Specialty journeyman electrician license renewal 45.00
12	(i)	Specialty journeyman electrician license revival 55.00
13	(j)	Specialty trainee registration and working license 30.00
14		(i) At the time the specialty trainee applies for a specialty
15		journeyman electrician license, the pro rata value of any remain-
16		ing time on a specialty trainee working license shall be credited
17		toward the purchase of the specialty journeyman electrician li-
18		cense.
19	(4)	Five-year licenses, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and
20	54-1013,	Idaho Code:
21	(a)	Apprentice electrician registration and working license \$50.00
22		(i) At the time the apprentice applies for a journeyman electri-

SECTION 12. That Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

purchase of the journeyman electrician license.

 cian license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on an ap-

prentice electrician working license shall be credited toward the

54-1016. EXEMPTIONS. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to apply to:

- (a) Any regulated utility, telephone company, rural telephone cooperative or municipal communications utility, or its employees, in the installation or maintenance of communication circuits, wires and apparatus by or for such entities or their communications service customers;
- (b) Any electrical public utility, or its employees, in the installation and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, apparatus and equipment by or for such public utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or system;
- (c) Modular buildings as defined in section 39-4301, Idaho Code, that are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been approved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in compliance with the requirements set forth in section 39-4304, Idaho Code.
- (2) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:
- (a) Any property owner performing noncommercial electrical work in the owner's primary or secondary residence, or associated outbuildings or land associated with the entire property on which those buildings sit, except that homeowner installations of renewable power generation con-

nected to the community power grid shall be subject to a pre-plan review in accordance with local jurisdictions' policies and procedures prior to the purchase of a permit;

- (b) Any person regularly employed as a maintenance electrician performing electrical maintenance work on the premises of the person's owned and operated by his employer, provided that electrical work is limited to maintenance and replacement of electrical fixtures, electrical conductors, electrical equipment and electrical apparatus on a like-for-like basis;
- (c) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under the exclusive control of the telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal communications utility;
- (d) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing repair work on customer-owned facilities at the request of the customer;
- (e) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, municipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under the exclusive control of the electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, or municipal power utility; and
- (f) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, municipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing emergency repair work on customer-owned facilities at the request of the customer.
- (3) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to individuals licensed pursuant to chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, or certificated pursuant to chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code, as follows:
 - (a) Individuals holding a current heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) license or a current plumbing certification may install electrical circuitry and make connections from the disconnecting means to a water heater and electrical connections to the water heater as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.
 - (b) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install:
 - (i) Electrical space heaters with no attached ductwork;
 - (ii) Electrical connections to HVAC equipment from the disconnecting means to the unit as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the HVAC equipment is no more than fifty (50) feet long; and
 - (iii) Ventilating fans, except ducted range hoods in residences.
 - (c) HVAC licensees may install control wiring of twenty-four (24) volts or less for HVAC equipment of five (5) tons or less in capacity. Plumbing certificate holders are not authorized to install control wiring in HVAC equipment, regardless of voltage.
- (4) To the extent that a plumbing or HVAC installation permit issued by the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of an electrical in-

stallation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all required permit fees have been paid.

(5) Approval and certification requirements of product and equipment as set forth in this chapter and in the adopted edition of the national electrical code do not apply to industrial equipment machinery unless the board has made a determination that such product, machine or classes of products and machines present an undue hazard to life and property.