

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL OCCUPATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1001, IDAHO CODE,
3 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE IDAHO RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL CODE
4 AND TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1010, IDAHO CODE, TO
5 PROVIDE FOR SUPERVISION OF ELECTRICAL APPRENTICES AND TO REVISE TERMI-
6 NOLOGY.

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

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

10 54-1001. DECLARATION OF POLICY -- IDAHO RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL
11 CODE. (1) From and after the taking effect of this ~~act~~ chapter, all instal-
12 lations in the state of Idaho of wires and equipment to convey electric
13 current and installations of apparatus to be operated by such current, ex-
14 cept as hereinafter provided, shall be made substantially in accord with
15 the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, as amended and approved by the Idaho
16 electrical board and adopted by the Idaho legislature, relating to such work
17 as far as the same covers both fire and personal injury hazards.

18 (2) The National Electrical Code, 2017 edition, as adopted and amended
19 in IDAPA 07.01.06.011 and as applicable to residential installations, shall
20 be known as the Idaho Residential Electrical Code and shall remain in full
21 force and effect even if a later edition of the National Electrical Code is
22 adopted with regard to nonresidential installations.

23 SECTION 2. That Section 54-1010, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
24 amended to read as follows:

25 54-1010. INSTALLATIONS BY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR PERFORMED BY LI-
26 CENSED JOURNEYMAN -- PRIOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS ENTITLED TO LICENSE -- LIST
27 OF ELECTRICIANS IN CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOY. (1) Any electrical contractor who
28 works as a journeyman electrician, as herein defined, shall be required to
29 have a journeyman electrician's license or master electrician's license
30 issued under the provisions of this act. All installations of electrical
31 wiring, equipment or apparatus made by an electrical contractor shall be
32 done by or under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician
33 or licensed master electrician.

34 (2) The individual owner of an electrical contracting business may act
35 as his own journeyman electrician or master electrician provided that he has
36 complied with the provisions of section 54-1002, Idaho Code, pertaining to
37 journeyman electrician. Each electrical contractor in this state shall,
38 upon request of the administrator or his authorized agent, furnish a list of
39 journeyman electricians in said electrical contractor's employ.

1 (3) Any individual working as an apprentice electrician, as defined in
2 this ~~act~~ chapter, must be registered with the division of building safety as
3 an apprentice electrician, as provided in section 54-1007, Idaho Code; and
4 it shall be unlawful for an individual to work as an apprentice electrician
5 without possessing a current apprentice registration certificate. It shall
6 be the responsibility of the employing electrical contractor to ensure that
7 the apprentice performs electrical work only under the constant on-the-job
8 supervision of a journeyman electrician. For residential installations, up
9 to four (4) apprentices may be supervised by one (1) journeyman electrician.

10 (4) Any individual working as a limited electrical installer trainee,
11 as defined in this chapter, must be registered with the division of building
12 safety as a limited electrical installer trainee. It shall be unlawful for
13 an individual to work as a limited electrical installer trainee without pos-
14 sessed a current registration certificate.