

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 153

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION  
2 54-1007, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A JOURNEYMAN  
3 ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSE WITH A MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSE; AMENDING  
4 SECTION 54-1014, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR MASTER AND JOURNEYMAN ELEC-  
5 TRICIAN LICENSE RENEWALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN  
6 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1007, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 54-1007. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES -- RECIPROCITY. (1) The administrator  
12 shall issue licenses to such persons as have by examination shown themselves  
13 to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the trade of residential  
14 electrician, journeyman electrician, limited electrical installer or mas-  
15 ter electrician as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, and to such  
16 persons, firms, partnerships, associations or corporations as have shown  
17 themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the business of  
18 electrical contracting or limited electrical contracting as defined in sec-  
19 tion 54-1003A, Idaho Code.

20 (2) An apprentice electrician, as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho  
21 Code, may take the journeyman's examination if he has completed the required  
22 related instruction for electrical apprentices as approved by the Idaho  
23 state board for career technical education, completion of which shall be  
24 evidenced by a certificate from an approved provider, and has worked the  
25 number of hours as prescribed by the Idaho electrical board, provided that  
26 for all the time he is claiming to have worked as an apprentice electrician,  
27 the apprentice shall have been registered with the division of occupational  
28 and professional licenses as an apprentice. The electrical board may by rule  
29 fix the apprentice registration fee, in an amount not to exceed the costs of  
30 issuing apprentice registration certificates and enforcing the apprentice  
31 registration provisions of this chapter, and may also by rule establish re-  
32 quirements relative to the manner of registration renewal, verification of  
33 employment, the number of instructional hours completed, and the number of  
34 hours worked.

35 (3) Any person who has worked as a licensed journeyman for a period of  
36 not less than four (4) years and who has worked the number of hours as pre-  
37 scribed by rule of the board as a licensed journeyman electrician shall be  
38 considered as qualified to apply for a master electrician's license in this  
39 state. The Idaho electrical board, in establishing by rule the requirements  
40 for a master electrician's license, shall also take into account the appli-  
41 cant's performance as a journeyman electrician. When issuing a master elec-  
42 trician's license to a person, the administrator shall also issue a journey-

1 man electrician's license to such person at no additional cost and without  
 2 any additional requirements beyond those required to receive a master elec-  
 3 trician's license.

4 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, any person who can  
 5 demonstrate eight (8) years of work experience, defined as a minimum of six-  
 6 teen thousand (16,000) hours, making electrical installations on the job,  
 7 shall be considered as qualified to apply for a journeyman electrician's li-  
 8 cense in this state.

9 (5) A person qualifies for a residential electrician license if he  
 10 passes the residential electrician examination approved by the board, has  
 11 completed a two (2) year course of related instruction for residential  
 12 electrical apprentices as approved by the Idaho electrical board and the  
 13 Idaho state board for career technical education, and submits proof of four  
 14 thousand (4,000) hours of electrical experience as an Idaho-registered ap-  
 15 prentice or in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction where  
 16 the applicant obtained such experience. Completion of an approved course  
 17 as required pursuant to this subsection shall be evidenced by a certificate  
 18 from an approved provider. An applicant for a journeyman electrician li-  
 19 cense may utilize the experience hours identified in this section toward the  
 20 work experience requirement for a journeyman electrician license.

21 (6) To the extent that other states that provide for the licensing  
 22 of electricians require qualifications at least equal to those contained  
 23 in this chapter, the administrator may enter reciprocal agreements with  
 24 such other states to grant licenses to electricians licensed by such other  
 25 states. The administrator, on the recommendation of the Idaho electrical  
 26 board, may grant licenses to electricians licensed by such other states upon  
 27 payment by the applicant of the required fee and upon furnishing proof to the  
 28 board that the applicant has qualifications at least equal to those provided  
 29 herein for applicants for written examinations. Applicants who qualify for  
 30 a license under this subsection are not required to take a written examina-  
 31 tion.

32 (7) A provisional journeyman electrician, as defined in section  
 33 54-1003A, Idaho Code, may take the residential electrician or journeyman  
 34 electrician examination. Upon passing the examination, the administrator  
 35 of the division of occupational and professional licenses shall issue the  
 36 provisional journeyman electrician a residential or journeyman electri-  
 37 cian's license.

38 SECTION 2. That Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
 39 amended to read as follows:

40 54-1014. FEES. The administrator of the division of occupational and  
 41 professional licenses shall charge the following fees:

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| 42 | (1) Application for license or registration                      | \$15.00 |
| 43 | (2) Six-month licenses:  |         |
| 44 | (a) Provisional journeyman electrician license                   | \$55.00 |
| 45 | (b) Provisional journeyman electrician license renewal           | 45.00   |
| 46 | (i) If a provisional journeyman electrician applies for a res-   |         |
| 47 | idential electrician or journeyman electrician license, the pro  |         |
| 48 | rata value of any time remaining on his provisional journeyman   |         |
| 49 | electrician license shall be credited toward the application fee |         |

