

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL APPRENTICES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1007, IDAHO CODE,
3 TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN RULES; AND AMENDING SECTION
4 54-1013, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWAL OF CERTAIN REGISTRATIONS
5 AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO RENEWAL OF CERTAIN REGISTRA-
6 TIONS.

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

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

10 54-1007. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES -- RECIPROCITY. (1) The administrator
11 shall issue licenses to such persons as have by examination shown themselves
12 to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the trade of journeyman elec-
13 trician, specialty electrician or master electrician as defined in section
14 54-1003A, Idaho Code, and to such persons, firms, partnerships, associa-
15 tions or corporations as have shown themselves to be fit, competent and qual-
16 ified to engage in the business of electrical contracting or specialty elec-
17 trical contracting as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code.

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

33 (a) All verification of employment forms submitted by an apprentice
34 shall be entered into and maintained in the apprentice's file by the
35 division of building safety. The division of building safety shall pro-
36 vide the apprentice online access to this information.

37 (b) An apprentice who has completed the number of instructional hours
38 and has not taken or passed the journeyman's examination within two (2)
39 years of completion of the instructional training hours, shall provide
40 proof of continuation training as set by rule of the electrical board.

1 (c) An apprentice who has not advanced in apprenticeship training for
2 a period of two (2) years shall complete continuation training as set by
3 rule of the electrical board.

4 (3) Any person who has worked as a licensed journeyman for a period of
5 not less than four (4) years and who has worked the number of hours as pre-
6 scribed by rule of the board as a licensed journeyman electrician shall be
7 considered as qualified to apply for a master electrician's license in this
8 state. The Idaho electrical board, in establishing by rule the requirements
9 for a master electrician's license, shall also take into account the appli-
10 cant's performance as a journeyman electrician.

11 (4) Any person with out-of-state experience who has worked as a jour-
12 neyman electrician or as an apprentice electrician for a period of four (4)
13 years, and who has met such other requirements as established by rule of the
14 board, shall be considered as qualified to apply for a journeyman electri-
15 cian's license in this state.

16 (5) To the extent that other states which provide for the licensing of
17 electricians provide for similar action, the administrator, on the recom-
18 mendation of the Idaho electrical board, may grant licenses to electricians
19 licensed by such other states, upon payment by the applicant of the required
20 fee and upon furnishing proof to the board that the applicant has qualifica-
21 tions at least equal to those provided herein for applicants for written ex-
22 aminations. Applicants who qualify for a license under this subsection are
23 not required to take a written examination.

24 SECTION 2. That Section 54-1013, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
25 amended to read as follows:

26 54-1013. RENEWAL OF LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS -- INACTIVE LI-
27 CENSES. (1) A license or registration once issued under this chapter, unless
28 revoked or suspended as herein provided, may be renewed at any time dur-
29 ing the final month of the licensing period on the payment of the renewal
30 fee herein specified, proof of satisfaction of ~~the~~ applicable continuing
31 education requirements as established by the electrical board, proof of
32 satisfaction of applicable apprentice and specialty trainee instruction and
33 work requirements as established by the electrical board, and provided that
34 all outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees, have been paid
35 in full, and all outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily
36 resolved. For electrical contractors and specialty electrical contractors,
37 proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars
38 (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insur-
39 ance shall be required if applicable.

40 (2) Any license which has expired may be revived at any time within one
41 (1) year from the last day of the final month of the licensing period, by
42 payment of the revival fee herein specified, together with all outstanding
43 civil penalties, and permit or other fees and penalties, and upon proof
44 that outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily resolved. For
45 electrical contractors and specialty electrical contractors, proof of lia-
46 bility insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
47 shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insurance shall
48 be required if applicable.

1 (3) Certificates of competency issued prior to July 1, 1961, shall, for
2 the purpose of this chapter, be considered as licenses and may be renewed or
3 revived as herein provided.

4 (4) The administrator may renew, on an inactive basis, the license of
5 an electrical contractor or specialty contractor who is not engaged in elec-
6 trical contracting in this state. The board shall fix and collect an inac-
7 tive license fee for such an inactive license renewal in an amount not to ex-
8 ceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). Each inactive license shall be issued
9 for a period of one (1) year. An electrical contractor or specialty contrac-
10 tor holding an inactive license may not engage in the practice of electrical
11 contracting or specialty contracting in this state. If an electrical con-
12 tractor or specialty contractor wishes to convert his inactive license to
13 an active license, he may do so by paying a processing fee of thirty dollars
14 (\$30.00) and providing proof of the required liability insurance and appli-
15 cable worker's compensation insurance.