

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1019, IDAHO CODE,
3 TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT OF ELECTRI-
4 CAL INSPECTORS, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO A CERTAIN TEST AND TO
5 DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN RULES.

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

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1019, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-1019. QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS. The administrator of the di-
10 vision of building safety shall appoint the number of deputy electrical in-
11 spectors as may be required for the effective enforcement of the provisions
12 of this chapter. All inspectors shall be skilled in electrical installa-
13 tions with not less than four (4) years of actual experience as a journeyman
14 electrician, shall possess certificates of competency prior to appointment,
15 and shall be fully familiar with the provisions of this chapter and rules
16 made both by the administrator and the Idaho electrical board. On and af-
17 ter July 1, 2013, no electrical inspector may be hired who is not licensed
18 by the division of building safety as a master electrician. No inspector
19 employed by the division of building safety or any local jurisdiction and
20 assigned to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and/or local
21 electrical ordinances shall be engaged or financially interested in an elec-
22 trical business, trade, practice or work, or the sale of any supplies con-
23 ected therewith, nor shall he act as an agent, directly or indirectly, for
24 any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation so engaged. In-
25 spectors employed by municipalities electing to claim exemption under this
26 chapter must possess the qualifications set forth in this section. Within
27 six (6) months of their appointment, i~~nspectors employed by the division of~~
28 ~~building safety shall take and pass, before the end of their probationary pe-~~
29 ~~riod,~~ the general inspector's test administered by the educational testing
30 service, or future tests developed by the educational testing service for
31 that purpose, or such examination developed for similar purposes, and admin-
32 istered by another testing agency, which the Idaho electrical board may se-
33 lect. The board may also promulgate rules relative to the applicability of
34 this provision to existing electrical inspectors with permanent status in
35 the division.