

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 229, As Amended

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL OCCUPATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1001, IDAHO CODE,  
2 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE IDAHO RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL CODE, TO  
3 PROVIDE FOR RULEMAKING, AND TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AND AMENDING SECTION  
4 54-1010, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPERVISION OF ELECTRICAL APPREN-  
5 TICES AND TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY.  
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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. Amendments, revisions,  
21 or modifications of such code may be made by the Idaho electrical board  
22 through administrative rule.

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.