

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1161

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION  
3 54-1003A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ON-THE-JOB SUPERVISION  
4 AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR APPRENTICE ELECTRICIANS AND PROVISIONAL  
5 JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS.

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

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-1003A. DEFINITIONS. (1) Electrical Contractor. Except as pro-  
10 vided in section 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company,  
11 firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting, or carrying on  
12 the business of installing wires or equipment to carry electric current  
13 or installing apparatus to be operated by such current, or entering into  
14 agreements to install such wires, equipment or apparatus, shall for the  
15 purpose of this chapter be known as an electrical contractor. An electrical  
16 contractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to provide  
17 proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars  
18 (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.

19 (2) Journeyman Electrician. Except as provided in section 54-1016,  
20 Idaho Code, and subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this section, any person  
21 who personally performs or supervises the actual physical work of installing  
22 electrical wiring or equipment to convey electric current, or apparatus to  
23 be operated by such current, shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as  
24 a journeyman electrician.

25 (3) Apprentice Electrician. Any person who, for the purpose of  
26 learning the trade of journeyman electrician, engages in the installation  
27 of electrical wiring, equipment, or apparatus while under the constant  
28 on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman electrician shall for the  
29 purpose of this chapter be known as an apprentice electrician.

30 (a) It shall be the responsibility of the employing electrical contrac-  
31 tor to ensure that each apprentice electrician perform electrical work  
32 only under the constant on-the-job supervision and training of a jour-  
33 neyman electrician.

34 (b) For purposes of this chapter, constant on-the-job supervision  
35 means that one (1) journeyman shall not supervise more than four (4)  
36 apprentices performing electrical work on one (1) and two (2) family  
37 dwelling units. One (1) journeyman shall not supervise and train more  
38 than two (2) apprentices performing electrical work on all other types  
39 of electrical installations.

40 (4) Maintenance Electrician. Any person who is regularly employed to  
41 service, maintain or repair electrical apparatus, or to make minor repairs  
42 or alterations to existing electrical wires or equipment located on his em-

1 ployer's premises shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a mainte-  
2 nance electrician.

3 (5) Master Electrician. A person who has the necessary qualifications,  
4 training, experience and technical knowledge to plan, lay out or design the  
5 installation of electrical wiring or equipment, or to supervise such plan-  
6 ning, layout, or design, and who performs or supervises such planning, lay-  
7 out or design, shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a master  
8 electrician.

9 (6) Limited Electrical Installer. A person having the necessary quali-  
10 fications, training, experience and technical knowledge to install, alter,  
11 repair and supervise the installation, alteration or repair of special  
12 classes of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within categories  
13 adopted by the board. Limited electrical installers shall perform work only  
14 within the scope of the restricted category for which the person is licensed.

15 (7) Limited Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section  
16 54-1016, Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company, firm, association  
17 or corporation engaging in, conducting or carrying on the business of in-  
18 stallng, altering or repairing restricted categories of electrical wiring,  
19 apparatus or equipment within categories adopted by the board, or entering  
20 into agreements to perform such restricted work, shall for the purpose of  
21 this chapter be known as a limited electrical contractor. Limited electri-  
22 cal contractors shall perform work only within the scope of the restricted  
23 category for which the contractor is licensed. A limited electrical con-  
24 tractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to provide proof  
25 of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars  
26 (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.

27 (8) Limited Electrical Installer Trainee. Any person who engages in  
28 the installation of restricted categories of electrical wiring, equipment  
29 or apparatus under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified lim-  
30 ited electrical installer shall for the purpose of this chapter be known as a  
31 limited electrical installer trainee.

32 (9) Electrical Facility Employer Account or Facility Account. An em-  
33 ployer licensed with the division of building safety who employs individu-  
34 als holding valid journeyman or master electrician licenses to perform al-  
35 terations, extensions and new installations of electrical systems or com-  
36 ponents thereof on premises owned by the employer. The employer may also  
37 employ maintenance electricians in accordance with section 54-1016, Idaho  
38 Code.

39 (10) Provisional Journeyman Electrician. Any person who has met the  
40 requirements of section 54-1007(4), Idaho Code, and who wishes to perform  
41 the actual physical work of installing electrical wiring or equipment to  
42 convey electric current, or apparatus to be operated by such current, while  
43 under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman elec-  
44 trician may upon application, for the purposes of this chapter, be known as a  
45 provisional journeyman electrician.

46 (a) It shall be the responsibility of the employing electrical con-  
47 tractor to ensure that each provisional journeyman electrician perform  
48 electrical work only under the constant on-the-job supervision and  
49 training of a journeyman electrician.

1       (b) For purposes of this chapter, constant on-the-job supervision  
2       means that one (1) journeyman shall not supervise more than four (4)  
3       provisional journeymen electricians performing electrical work on one  
4       (1) and two (2) family dwelling units. One (1) journeyman shall not su-  
5       pervise and train more than two (2) provisional journeymen electricians  
6       performing electrical work on all other types of electrical installa-  
7       tions.