ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 355–ASSEMBLYMEN PRICE, CLABORN, COLLINS, FREEMAN, LEE AND PARKS

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Provides for establishment of minimum standards for education, training and certification of electricians. (BDR 53-714)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to electricians; requiring the division of industrial relations of the department of business and industry to establish minimum standards for the education, training and certification of electricians; authorizing the division to establish a schedule of fees for the certification of electricians; prohibiting a person from working as an electrician unless he holds a certificate as an electrician issued by the division; prohibiting the state contractors' board from issuing a license to, or renewing the license of, an electrician who does not hold a certificate as an electrician issued by the division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 618 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "electrician" means any person who engages in the connection of electrical devices for electrical contractors and includes, without limitation, any person who holds a contractor's license in the specialty of electrical contracting issued by the state contractors' board, but does not include a person who only engages in:

1. Electrical connections under 100 volt-amperes;

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2. Electrical connections for a utility regulated by the public utilities commission of Nevada, including, without limitation, engaging in electrical connections within and without the facility and property of the utility in furtherance of the generation, transmission or distribution of natural gas or electricity; or

3. Electrical work ordinarily and customarily performed by stationary engineers.



- Sec. 3. The division shall adopt regulations establishing standards for the education and training of electricians, including, without limitation, regulations:
- 1. Requiring the establishment and implementation of programs for the education, training and certification of electricians;
- 2. Requiring the annual certification of electricians; and

- 3. Establishing a schedule of reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of a certificate as an electrician.
- Sec. 4. 1. The division shall issue a certificate as an electrician to a person who:
- (a) Successfully completes the required education and training established by the division pursuant to section 3 of this act;
- (b) Pays the required fee, if any, for the issuance of the certificate; and
- (c) Complies with all other requirements established by the division for the issuance of the certificate.
- 17 2. A person shall not work as an electrician in this state unless he 18 holds a certificate as an electrician issued by the division pursuant to this 19 section.
 - Sec. 5. 1. An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a certificate as an electrician shall submit with his application the statement prescribed by the welfare division of the department of human resources pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.
 - 2. The division of industrial relations shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:
 - (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance or renewal of the certificate; or
 - (b) A separate form prescribed by the division.
 - 3. The division shall not issue or renew a certificate as an electrician if the applicant:
 - (a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or
 - (b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.
 - 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, the person to whom the application was submitted shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.
 - Sec. 6. An application for the issuance of a certificate as an electrician pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act must include the social security number of the applicant.



Sec. 7. 1. If the division receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who holds a certificate as an electrician, the division shall deem the certificate issued to that person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which the court order was issued unless the division receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person who has been issued the certificate stating that the person has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

- 2. The division shall reinstate a certificate as an electrician that has been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the division receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the electrician whose certificate was suspended stating that the electrician whose certificate was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.
- **Sec. 8.** Chapter 624 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The board shall not issue or renew a specialty license in electrical contracting to any person who does not hold a certificate as an electrician issued by the division of industrial relations of the department of business and industry pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

- **Sec. 9.** 1. This section and sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.
- 2. Sections 4 to 8, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2002.
- 3. The provisions of sections 5, 6 and 7 of this act expire by limitation on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state has the authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of, professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:
- (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or
- (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children.
- 39 are repealed by the Congress of the United States.



