

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the licensing and regulation of certain electricians;
3 providing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Title 8, Occupations Code, is amended by adding
6 Chapter 1305 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 1305. ELECTRICIANS

8 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9 Sec. 1305.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as
10 the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act.

11 Sec. 1305.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

12 (1) "Advisory board" means the Electrical Safety and
13 Licensing Advisory Board.

14 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission of
15 Licensing and Regulation.

16 (3) "Department" means the Texas Department of
17 Licensing and Regulation.

18 (4) "Electrical code" means the National Electrical
19 Code published by the National Fire Protection Association as
20 adopted by the commission.

21 (5) "Electrical contracting" means the business of
22 designing, installing, erecting, repairing, or altering electrical
23 wires or conductors to be used for light, heat, power, or signaling
24 purposes. The term includes the installation or repair of ducts,

1 raceways, or conduits for the reception or protection of wires or
2 conductors and the installation or repair of any electrical
3 machinery, apparatus, or system used for electrical light, heat,
4 power, or signaling.

5 (6) "Electrical contractor" means a person engaged in
6 electrical contracting.

7 (7) "Electrical engineer" means a person licensed
8 under Chapter 1001 who possesses the necessary qualifications,
9 training, and technical knowledge to perform electrical
10 engineering work in this state.

11 (8) "Electrical inspector" means a person certified by
12 the International Association of Electrical Inspectors or
13 International Code Council.

14 (9) "Electrical sign contracting" means the business
15 of designing, manufacturing, installing, connecting, reconnecting,
16 or servicing an electric sign, cold cathode, neon gas tubing, or
17 outline gas tubing, or altering electric sign wiring or conductors
18 either inside or outside of a building.

19 (10) "Electrical sign contractor" means a person
20 engaged in electrical sign contracting.

21 (11) "Electrical work" means any labor or material
22 used in installing, maintaining, or extending an electrical wiring
23 system and the appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in
24 connection with the use of electrical energy in, on, outside, or
25 attached to a building, residence, structure, property, or
26 premises. The term includes service entrance conductors as defined
27 by the National Electrical Code.

1 (12) "Executive director" means the executive
2 director of the department.

3 (13) "Residential wireman" means a person licensed
4 under this chapter who may only perform electrical installations in
5 single-family and multifamily dwellings not exceeding four
6 stories.

7 Sec. 1305.003. EXEMPTIONS; APPLICATION OF CHAPTER. (a)
8 This chapter does not apply to:

9 (1) the installation of electrical equipment in a
10 ship, watercraft other than a floating building, railway rolling
11 stock, aircraft, or a motor vehicle other than a mobile home or
12 recreational vehicle;

13 (2) the installation of electrical equipment
14 underground in a mine and in self-propelled mobile surface mining
15 machinery and its attendant electrical trailing cable;

16 (3) the installation of electrical equipment for
17 generation, transformation, transmission, or distribution of power
18 used exclusively to operate railway rolling stock or exclusively
19 for signaling and communications purposes;

20 (4) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
21 repair of communications equipment provided by a
22 telecommunications provider;

23 (5) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
24 repair of electrical equipment under the exclusive control of an
25 electric utility, electric cooperative, or municipally owned
26 utility and used for communications or metering, or for the
27 generation, control, transformation, transmission, and

1 distribution of electrical energy, and located:

2 (A) in a building used exclusively by a utility
3 for those purposes;

4 (B) outdoors on property owned or leased by the
5 utility;

6 (C) on public highways, streets, roads, or other
7 public rights-of-way; or

8 (D) outdoors by established rights in vaults or
9 on private property;

10 (6) work not specifically regulated by a municipal
11 ordinance that is performed in or on a dwelling by a person who owns
12 and resides in the dwelling;

13 (7) work involved in the manufacture of electrical
14 equipment;

15 (8) electrical maintenance work if:

16 (A) the work is performed by a person regularly
17 employed as a maintenance person at the building or premises;

18 (B) the work is performed in conjunction with the
19 business in which the person is employed; and

20 (C) the person does not engage in electrical work
21 for the public;

22 (9) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
23 repair of electrical equipment or associated wiring under the
24 exclusive control of a gas utility and used for communications or
25 metering or for the control, transmission, or distribution of
26 natural gas;

27 (10) thoroughfare lighting, traffic signals,

1 intelligent transportation systems, and telecommunications
2 controlled by a governmental entity;

3 (11) electrical connections supplying heating,
4 ventilation, and cooling and refrigeration equipment, including
5 any required disconnect exclusively for the equipment, if the
6 service is performed by a licensed air conditioning and
7 refrigeration contractor under Chapter 1302;

8 (12) the design, installation, erection, repair, or
9 alteration of Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 remote control,
10 signaling, or power-limited circuits, fire alarm circuits, optical
11 fiber cables, or communications circuits, including raceways, as
12 defined by the National Electrical Code;

13 (13) landscape irrigation installers, as necessary to
14 perform the installation and maintenance of irrigation control
15 systems, and landscapers, as necessary to perform the installation
16 and maintenance of low-voltage exterior lighting and holiday
17 lighting excluding any required power source;

18 (14) a person who is employed by and performs
19 electrical work solely for a private industrial business, including
20 a business that operates a chemical plant, petrochemical plant,
21 refinery, natural gas plant, natural gas treating plant, pipeline,
22 or oil and gas exploration and production operation;

23 (15) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
24 repair of elevators, escalators, or related equipment, excluding
25 any required power source, regulated under Chapter 754, Health and
26 Safety Code;

27 (16) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or

1 repair of equipment or network facilities provided or utilized by a
2 cable operator, as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 522, as
3 amended; and

4 (17) the location, design, construction, extension,
5 maintenance, and installation of on-site sewage disposal systems in
6 accordance with Chapter 366, Health and Safety Code.

7 (b) This chapter applies to all premises wiring that
8 originates where an electric utility's facilities end and a
9 nonutility customer's electric facilities begin, except as
10 permitted by Section 161.123(2)(A), Utilities Code.

11 (c) This chapter applies to an installation in a building
12 used by a utility for purposes other than a purpose listed in this
13 section, including an office building, warehouse, garage, machine
14 shop, or recreational building that is not an integral part of a
15 generating plant, substation, or control center.

16 [Sections 1305.004-1305.050 reserved for expansion]

17 SUBCHAPTER B. ADVISORY BOARD

18 Sec. 1305.051. ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND LICENSING ADVISORY
19 BOARD. (a) The advisory board consists of nine members appointed
20 by the presiding officer of the commission with the approval of the
21 commission as follows:

- 22 (1) three master electrician members;
23 (2) three journeyman electrician members; and
24 (3) three public members.

25 (b) The advisory board members must include:

26 (1) two members who are affiliated with a statewide
27 association of electrical contractors not affiliated with a labor

1 organization;

2 (2) three members who are affiliated with a labor
3 organization;

4 (3) one member who is not affiliated with a statewide
5 association of electrical contractors or with a labor organization;
6 and

7 (4) one member who is affiliated with a historically
8 underutilized business, as that term is defined by Section
9 2161.001, Government Code.

10 (c) A licensed electrical engineer or an electrical
11 inspector may be appointed as a public member of the advisory board.

12 (d) An appointment to the advisory board shall be made
13 without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age,
14 or national origin of the appointee.

15 Sec. 1305.052. TERMS; VACANCIES. (a) Advisory board
16 members serve terms of six years, with the terms of three members
17 expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

18 (b) A member may not consecutively serve more than two full
19 terms.

20 (c) If a vacancy occurs during a term, the presiding officer
21 of the commission shall appoint a replacement who meets the
22 qualifications of the vacated position to serve for the remainder
23 of the term.

24 Sec. 1305.053. PRESIDING OFFICER. The presiding officer of
25 the commission shall appoint one of the advisory board members to
26 serve as presiding officer of the advisory board for a term of one
27 year. The presiding officer of the advisory board may vote on any

1 matter before the advisory board.

2 Sec. 1305.054. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.
3 Advisory board members may not receive compensation but are
4 entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses
5 incurred in performing the functions of the advisory board, subject
6 to the General Appropriations Act.

7 Sec. 1305.055. MEETINGS. The advisory board shall meet
8 twice annually and may meet at other times at the call of the
9 presiding officer of the commission.

10 [Sections 1305.056-1305.100 reserved for expansion]

11 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

12 Sec. 1305.101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The
13 executive director or commission, as appropriate, shall:

14 (1) by rule establish the financial responsibility
15 requirements for electrical contractors; and

16 (2) after publication of the National Electrical Code
17 by the National Fire Protection Association every three years,
18 adopt the revised National Electrical Code as the electrical code
19 for the state.

20 (b) The executive director or commissioner, as appropriate,
21 may:

22 (1) establish reciprocity agreements with other
23 states that have licensing requirements substantially equivalent
24 to the requirements of this chapter; and

25 (2) take other action as necessary to administer and
26 enforce this chapter.

27 Sec. 1305.102. RULES. (a) The executive director shall

1 adopt rules for the licensing of electricians, sign electricians,
2 electrical sign contractors, and electrical contractors as
3 prescribed by this chapter.

4 (b) The executive director by rule shall prescribe
5 descriptions of the types of activities that may be performed by
6 each class of license holder under this chapter.

7 (c) The executive director by rule shall adopt standards of
8 conduct requirements for license holders under this chapter.

9 Sec. 1305.103. FEES. The commission shall establish and
10 collect reasonable and necessary fees in amounts sufficient to
11 cover the costs of administering this chapter.

12 Sec. 1305.104. POWERS AND DUTIES OF ADVISORY BOARD. The
13 advisory board shall provide advice and recommendations to the
14 department on technical matters relevant to the administration and
15 enforcement of this chapter, including examination content,
16 licensing standards, electrical code requirements, and continuing
17 education requirements.

18 Sec. 1305.105. PERSONNEL. The department may employ
19 personnel necessary to administer and enforce this chapter. The
20 department shall employ an electrical occupations and code
21 specialist to oversee the electrical licensing and safety program.

22 [Sections 1305.106-1305.150 reserved for expansion]

23 SUBCHAPTER D. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

24 Sec. 1305.151. LICENSE REQUIRED. Except as provided by
25 Section 1305.003, a person may not perform electrical work unless
26 the person holds an appropriate license issued or recognized under
27 this chapter.

1 Sec. 1305.152. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) An applicant
2 for a license under this chapter must:

3 (1) submit to the department a completed application
4 on a form prescribed by the executive director;

5 (2) submit to the department any other information
6 required by executive director rule;

7 (3) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the executive
8 director the appropriate amount of electrical work experience as
9 required by this subchapter;

10 (4) demonstrate the applicant's honesty,
11 trustworthiness, and integrity; and

12 (5) pay the application and examination fees.

13 (b) The executive director shall adopt rules to establish a
14 process by which the department shall evaluate the experience
15 required of applicants for a license under this chapter.

16 (c) The department may conduct an examination of any
17 criminal conviction of an applicant, including obtaining any
18 criminal history record information permitted by law.

19 Sec. 1305.153. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER ELECTRICIAN. An
20 applicant for a license as a master electrician must:

21 (1) have at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training
22 under the supervision of a master electrician; and

23 (2) pass a master electrician examination
24 administered under this chapter.

25 Sec. 1305.154. MASTER SIGN ELECTRICIAN. An applicant for a
26 license as a master sign electrician must:

27 (1) have at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training

1 under the supervision of a master sign electrician; and

2 (2) pass a master sign electrician examination
3 administered under this chapter.

4 Sec. 1305.155. JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN. An applicant for a
5 license as a journeyman electrician must:

6 (1) have at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training
7 under the supervision of a master electrician; and

8 (2) pass a journeyman electrician examination
9 administered under this chapter.

10 Sec. 1305.156. JOURNEYMAN SIGN ELECTRICIAN. An applicant
11 for a license as a journeyman sign electrician must:

12 (1) have at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training
13 under the supervision of a master sign electrician; and

14 (2) pass a journeyman sign electrician examination
15 administered under this chapter.

16 Sec. 1305.157. RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN. An applicant for a
17 license as a residential wireman must:

18 (1) have at least 4,000 hours of on-the-job training
19 under the supervision of a master electrician or residential
20 wireman; and

21 (2) pass a residential wireman examination
22 administered under this chapter.

23 Sec. 1305.158. MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN. An applicant for a
24 license as a maintenance electrician must:

25 (1) have at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training
26 under the supervision of a master electrician or maintenance
27 electrician; and

1 (2) pass a maintenance electrician examination
2 administered under this chapter.

3 Sec. 1305.159. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR. (a) An applicant
4 for a license as an electrical contractor must:

5 (1) be licensed under this chapter as a master
6 electrician or employ a person licensed under this chapter as a
7 master electrician;

8 (2) establish proof of financial responsibility in the
9 manner prescribed by the executive director; and

10 (3) maintain workers' compensation coverage for the
11 contractor's employees through an insurance company authorized to
12 engage in the business of insurance in this state or through
13 self-insurance, or elect not to obtain workers' compensation
14 coverage, as provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 406, Labor Code.

15 (b) A person who holds a master electrician license issued
16 or recognized under this chapter may only be assigned to a single
17 electrical contractor, unless the master electrician owns more than
18 50 percent of the electrical contracting business.

19 Sec. 1305.160. ELECTRICAL SIGN CONTRACTOR. (a) An
20 applicant for a license as an electrical sign contractor must:

21 (1) be licensed under this chapter as a master sign
22 electrician or employ a person licensed under this chapter as a
23 master sign electrician;

24 (2) establish proof of financial responsibility in the
25 manner prescribed by the executive director; and

26 (3) maintain workers' compensation coverage for the
27 contractor's employees through an insurance company authorized to

1 engage in the business of insurance in this state or through
2 self-insurance, or elect not to obtain workers' compensation
3 coverage, as provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 406, Labor Code.

4 (b) A person who holds a master sign electrician license
5 issued or recognized under this chapter may only be assigned to a
6 single electrical contractor, unless the master sign electrician
7 owns more than 50 percent of the electrical sign contracting
8 business.

9 Sec. 1305.161. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE. An applicant for a
10 license as an electrical apprentice must be at least 16 years of age
11 and be engaged in the process of learning and assisting in the
12 installation of electrical work under the supervision of a licensed
13 master electrician.

14 Sec. 1305.162. EXAMINATIONS. (a) Examinations required by
15 this subchapter shall be conducted throughout the state.

16 (b) The department shall accept, develop, or contract for
17 the examinations required by this chapter, including the
18 administration of the examinations. Each examination must test the
19 knowledge of the applicant about materials and methods used in
20 electrical installations related to the activities that may be
21 performed within each class of license under this chapter and the
22 standards prescribed by the National Electrical Code as adopted by
23 the executive director.

24 (c) The executive director shall determine uniform
25 standards for acceptable performance on an examination.

26 Sec. 1305.163. EXAMINATION RESULTS. (a) Not later than the
27 30th day after the date on which an examination is administered

1 under this chapter, the department shall notify each examinee of
2 the results of the examination. If an examination is graded or
3 reviewed by a national testing service, the department shall notify
4 examinees of the result of the examination not later than the 14th
5 day after the date on which the department receives the results from
6 the testing service.

7 (b) If the notice of the examination results will be delayed
8 for more than 60 days after the examination date, the department
9 shall notify each examinee of the reason for the delay before the
10 60th day.

11 (c) If requested in writing by a person who fails an
12 examination administered under this chapter, the department shall
13 provide to the person an analysis of the person's performance on the
14 examination.

15 Sec. 1305.164. NONRESIDENT LICENSE APPLICANT. The
16 executive director may issue a license under this chapter to an
17 applicant who holds a license in another state and who submits a
18 proper application and pays the required fees if the executive
19 director determines that the applicant is licensed in a state with
20 which there is an agreement to recognize licenses issued under this
21 chapter.

22 Sec. 1305.165. LICENSE ISSUANCE; NONTRANSFERABILITY. (a)
23 Not later than the 30th day after the date on which the department
24 determines that an applicant has passed the examination required
25 under this chapter, the executive director shall issue a license to
26 the applicant if the applicant has complied with the application
27 requirements and paid the fees required by this chapter.

1 (b) A license issued by the executive director is valid
2 throughout this state and is not transferable.

3 Sec. 1305.166. DISPLAY OF LICENSE. (a) An electrical
4 contractor and electrical sign contractor shall display the
5 contractor's business name and the number of the license issued by
6 the executive director on each vehicle owned by the contractor.

7 (b) The information required to be displayed must be:

8 (1) printed in letters and numbers that are at least
9 two inches high and in a color that contrasts with the color of the
10 background surface; and

11 (2) permanently affixed in conspicuous places on both
12 sides of the vehicle.

13 Sec. 1305.167. LICENSE RENEWAL. (a) Except as provided by
14 Subsection (b), a license expires annually on December 31 and may be
15 renewed annually on payment of the required renewal fee.

16 (b) The executive director by rule may adopt a system under
17 which licenses expire on various dates during the year. For the
18 year in which the license expiration date is changed, renewal fees
19 payable on or before December 31 shall be prorated on a monthly
20 basis so that each license holder pays only that portion of the
21 renewal fee that is applicable to the number of months during which
22 the license is valid. On renewal of the license on the new
23 expiration date, the total renewal fee is due.

24 (c) Not later than the 30th day preceding the expiration
25 date of a person's license, the department shall notify the person
26 in writing, at the person's last known mailing address, of the
27 impending license expiration. A person may renew an unexpired

1 license by paying to the department, before the license expiration
2 date, the required renewal fee.

3 (d) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or
4 less may renew the license by paying to the department the required
5 renewal fee and a late fee in an amount equal to half of the license
6 fee. A person whose license has been expired for more than 90 days
7 but less than two years may renew the license by paying to the
8 department all unpaid renewal fees and a late fee in an amount equal
9 to the license fee. A person whose license has been expired for
10 more than two years may not renew the license. The person may
11 obtain a new license by submitting to reexamination and complying
12 with the requirements and procedures for obtaining an original
13 license.

14 Sec. 1305.168. CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) To renew a master
15 electrician, journeyman electrician, master sign electrician,
16 journeyman sign electrician, maintenance electrician, or
17 residential wireman license, the license holder must complete four
18 hours of continuing education annually.

19 (b) Continuing education courses that satisfy the
20 requirements of this section must address the National Electrical
21 Code, as adopted under Section 1305.101, and state laws and rules
22 that regulate the conduct of license holders under this chapter.

23 (c) The executive director by rule shall approve continuing
24 education courses, course content, and course providers. The
25 commission may adopt a fee for the administration of the
26 department's duties regarding continuing education.

27 [Sections 1305.169-1305.200 reserved for expansion]

1 SUBCHAPTER E. REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

2 Sec. 1305.201. MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL REGULATION. (a) This
3 chapter does not prohibit a municipality or region from regulating
4 electricians by:

- 5 (1) enacting an ordinance requiring inspections;
6 (2) offering examinations;
7 (3) issuing municipal or regional licenses; or
8 (4) collecting permit fees for municipal or regional
9 licenses and examinations from electricians for work performed in
10 the municipality or region.

11 (b) A municipality or region may not require a person to
12 take a municipal or regional examination if that person holds the
13 appropriate license issued under this chapter and is working within
14 the scope of that license.

15 (c) A municipality may adopt procedures for the:

16 (1) adoption of local amendments to the National
17 Electrical Code; and

18 (2) administration and enforcement of that code.

19 (d) Electrical work performed within the corporate limits
20 of a municipality must be installed in accordance with all
21 applicable local ordinances.

22 (e) Electrical work performed in an unincorporated area of
23 the state must be installed in accordance with standards at least as
24 stringent as the requirements of the state electrical code as
25 adopted under Section 1305.101.

26 Sec. 1305.202. SCOPE OF MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL LICENSE. A
27 license to perform electrical work issued by a municipality or

1 region is valid only in the municipality or region or in another
2 municipality or region under a reciprocal agreement.

3 [Sections 1305.203-1305.250 reserved for expansion]

4 SUBCHAPTER F. LICENSE DENIAL AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

5 Sec. 1305.251. GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

6 A person is subject to denial of a license application or
7 disciplinary action under Section 51.353 if the person violates:

8 (1) this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter;

9 or

10 (2) a rule or order of the executive director or
11 commission.

12 Sec. 1305.252. REQUESTED SUSPENSION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT. A
13 municipality or region may request suspension for just cause of the
14 license under this chapter of a license holder working in its
15 jurisdiction.

16 Sec. 1305.253. HEARINGS; ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE. (a) If
17 the department proposes to deny a license or take disciplinary
18 action against a license holder, the license holder is entitled to a
19 hearing.

20 (b) The proceedings relating to a license denial and
21 disciplinary action by the department under this chapter are
22 governed by Chapter 2001, Government Code. A hearing under this
23 chapter may be conducted by a hearings officer designated by the
24 commission.

25 Sec. 1305.254. NEW APPLICATION BY HOLDER OF REVOKED
26 LICENSE. A license holder whose license has been revoked may apply
27 for a new license after the first anniversary of the date of the

1 revocation.

2 [Sections 1305.255-1305.300 reserved for expansion]

3 SUBCHAPTER G. ENFORCEMENT

4 Sec. 1305.301. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. (a) The executive
5 director may impose an administrative penalty on a person under
6 Subchapter F, Chapter 51, regardless of whether the person holds a
7 license under this chapter, if the person violates:

8 (1) this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter;

9 or

10 (2) a rule or order of the executive director or
11 commission.

12 (b) An administrative penalty may not be imposed unless the
13 person charged with a violation is provided the opportunity for a
14 hearing.

15 Sec. 1305.302. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER; INJUNCTION; CIVIL
16 PENALTY. (a) The executive director may issue a cease and desist
17 order as necessary to enforce this chapter if the executive
18 director determines that the action is necessary to prevent a
19 violation of this chapter and to protect public health and safety.

20 (b) The attorney general or executive director may
21 institute an action for an injunction or a civil penalty under this
22 chapter as provided by Section 51.352.

23 Sec. 1305.303. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person subject to
24 this chapter commits an offense if the person:

25 (1) violates the licensing requirements of this
26 chapter;

27 (2) performs electrical work without a license to

1 perform electrical work in this state;

2 (3) employs an individual who does not hold the
3 appropriate license required by this chapter; or

4 (4) falsifies a certification of on-the-job training.

5 (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

6 SECTION 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this
7 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

8 (b) Sections 1305.151, 1305.166, and 1305.303, Occupations
9 Code, as added by this Act, take effect September 1, 2004.

10 (c) In making the initial appointments to the Electrical
11 Safety and Licensing Advisory Board, the presiding officer of the
12 Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall appoint:

13 (1) three members for terms expiring February 1, 2005;

14 (2) three members for terms expiring February 1, 2007;

15 and

16 (3) three members for terms expiring February 1, 2009.

17 (d) The executive director of the Texas Department of
18 Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Commission of Licensing and
19 Regulation, as appropriate, shall:

20 (1) adopt rules under Chapter 1305, Occupations Code,
21 as added by this Act, relating to an original application for a
22 license under that chapter not later than March 1, 2004; and

23 (2) adopt rules under Chapter 1305, Occupations Code,
24 as added by this Act, relating to renewal of a license and
25 continuing education requirements not later than January 1, 2005.

26 SECTION 3. (a) The Texas Department of Licensing and
27 Regulation shall issue a license to a qualified applicant under

1 this section who:

2 (1) applies for a license under this section not later
3 than June 1, 2004;

4 (2) submits to the department the information required
5 by rule;

6 (3) has the experience required by this section; and

7 (4) pays the application fee.

8 (b) An applicant for a license under this section as a
9 master electrician who works in an area in which a municipal or
10 regional licensing program exists is required to have:

11 (1) completed at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job
12 training under the supervision of a master electrician; and

13 (2) held a municipal or regional master electrician
14 license for at least one year.

15 (c) An applicant for a license under this section as a
16 master electrician working in an area in which a municipal or
17 regional licensing program does not exist is required to have
18 completed at least 20,000 hours of on-the-job training under the
19 supervision of a master electrician.

20 (d) An applicant for a license under this section as a
21 master sign electrician working in an area in which a municipal or
22 regional licensing program exists is required to have:

23 (1) completed at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job
24 training under the supervision of a master sign electrician; and

25 (2) held a municipal or regional master sign
26 electrician license for at least one year.

27 (e) An applicant for a license under this section as a

1 master sign electrician working in an area in which a municipal or
2 regional licensing program does not exist is required to have
3 completed at least 20,000 hours of on-the-job training under the
4 supervision of a master sign electrician.

5 (f) An applicant for a license under this section as a
6 journeyman electrician is required to have:

7 (1) completed at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job
8 training under the supervision of a master electrician;

9 (2) held a municipal or regional journeyman
10 electrician license for at least one year; or

11 (3) graduated from an electrical apprenticeship
12 program consisting of at least 576 hours of job-related education
13 and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training.

14 (g) An applicant for a license under this section as a
15 journeyman sign electrician is required to have:

16 (1) completed at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job
17 training under the supervision of a licensed master sign
18 electrician;

19 (2) held a municipal or regional journeyman sign
20 electrician license for at least one year; or

21 (3) graduated from an electrical sign apprenticeship
22 program consisting of at least 576 hours of job-related education
23 and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training.

24 (h) An applicant for a license under this section as a
25 residential wireman is required to have:

26 (1) completed at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job
27 training under the supervision of a licensed master electrician;

1 (2) held a municipal or regional residential wireman
2 license for at least one year; or

3 (3) graduated from a residential wireman
4 apprenticeship program consisting of at least 288 hours of
5 job-related education and 4,000 hours of on-the-job training.

6 (i) An applicant for a license under this section as a
7 maintenance electrician is required to have:

8 (1) completed at least 12,000 hours of on-the-job
9 training under the supervision of a master electrician;

10 (2) held a municipal or regional maintenance
11 electrician license for at least one year; or

12 (3) graduated from an electrical maintenance
13 apprenticeship program consisting of at least 576 hours of
14 job-related education and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training.

15 (j) On-the-job training required by this section must be
16 certified by a master electrician or master sign electrician, as
17 appropriate.

18 (k) This section expires September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1487 was passed by the House on May 5, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1487 on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1487 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor