

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 470
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 470 By: Eltife

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to training and continuing education for licensed
1-11 electrical apprentices.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 1305.002, Occupations Code, is amended
1-14 by adding Subdivision (1-b) to read as follows:

1-15 (1-b) "Apprenticeship training program" means a
1-16 program recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission or the Texas
1-17 Higher Education Coordinating Board that combines technical
1-18 classroom instruction and structured on-the-job training for
1-19 electrical apprentices.

1-20 SECTION 2. Section 1305.168, Occupations Code, is amended
1-21 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (b) Continuing education courses that satisfy the
1-24 requirements of Subsection (a) [this section] must address safety,
1-25 the National Electrical Code, as adopted under Section 1305.101,
1-26 and state laws and rules that regulate the conduct of license
1-27 holders under this chapter.

1-28 (b-1) To renew an electrical apprentice license, a license
1-29 holder who is not enrolled in an apprenticeship training program
1-30 must complete four hours of continuing education annually.
1-31 Continuing education courses that satisfy the requirements of this
1-32 subsection must address safety, the National Electrical Code, as
1-33 adopted under Section 1305.101, and state laws and rules that
1-34 regulate the conduct of license holders under this chapter.

1-35 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
1-36 renewal of an electrical apprentice license that expires on or
1-37 after the effective date of this Act. A license that expires before
1-38 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
1-39 the date the license was issued, and the former law is continued in
1-40 effect for that purpose.

1-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect March 31, 2010.

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