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H.B. No. 3043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1305.002(12), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(12) "Journeyman lineman" means an individual who engages in electrical work involving the installation, maintenance, and operation of equipment associated with the transmission and distribution of electricity from the electricity's original source to a substation and from a substation for further distribution.

SECTION 2. Section 1305.1605(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An applicant for a license as a journeyman lineman must:

(1) have at least:

(A) 7,000 hours of training in an apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor; or

(B) 3-1/2 years of experience as a journeyman lineman for an electric utility, electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, or electrical contractor in this state; and

(2) pass a journeyman lineman examination administered under this chapter based primarily on information contained in The Lineman's and Cableman's Handbook.

SECTION 3. Section 1305.1605(a), Occupations Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies only to an examination for a journeyman
2 lineman license administered on or after the effective date of this
3 Act. An examination for a journeyman lineman license administered
4 before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the
5 examination was administered, and the former law is continued in
6 effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.