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H.B. No. 1698

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman industrial electrician.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1305.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (11-b) to read as follows:

(11-b) "Journeyman industrial electrician" means an individual who engages in electrical work exclusively at a business that operates a chemical plant, petrochemical plant, refinery, natural gas plant, natural gas treating plant, pipeline, or oil and gas exploration and production operation.

SECTION 2. Section 1305.102(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission [~~executive director~~] shall adopt rules for the licensing of electricians, sign electricians, electrical sign contractors, electrical contractors, journeyman industrial electricians, journeyman linemen, residential appliance installers, and residential appliance installation contractors as prescribed by this chapter.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1305.1601 to read as follows:

Sec. 1305.1601. JOURNEYMAN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN. An applicant for a license as a journeyman industrial electrician must:

1           (1) have at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training  
2 as a licensed electrical apprentice under the supervision of a  
3 master electrician; and

4           (2) pass a journeyman industrial electrician  
5 examination administered under this chapter.

6           SECTION 4. Section 1305.162, Occupations Code, is amended  
7 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8           (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an examination required  
9 for a license as a journeyman industrial electrician under Section  
10 1305.1601 may only test an applicant regarding activities performed  
11 by a journeyman industrial electrician at a location described by  
12 Section 1305.002(11-b).

13           SECTION 5. Section 1305.168(a), Occupations Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15           (a) To renew a master electrician, journeyman electrician,  
16 master sign electrician, journeyman sign electrician, maintenance  
17 electrician, journeyman industrial electrician, journeyman  
18 lineman, or residential wireman license, the license holder must  
19 complete four hours of continuing education annually.

20           SECTION 6. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Texas  
21 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules as  
22 required by Section 1305.102, Occupations Code, as amended by this  
23 Act.

24           SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.