

1-1 By: Kuempel (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 1698  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2017;  
 1-3 May 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-4 & Commerce; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman industrial  
 1-20 electrician.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 1305.002, Occupations Code, is amended  
 1-23 by adding Subdivision (11-b) to read as follows:

1-24 (11-b) "Journeyman industrial electrician" means an  
 1-25 individual who engages in electrical work exclusively at a business  
 1-26 that operates a chemical plant, petrochemical plant, refinery,  
 1-27 natural gas plant, natural gas treating plant, pipeline, or oil and  
 1-28 gas exploration and production operation.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 1305.102(a), Occupations Code, is  
 1-30 amended to read as follows:

1-31 (a) The ~~commission~~ [executive director] shall adopt rules  
 1-32 for the licensing of electricians, sign electricians, electrical  
 1-33 sign contractors, electrical contractors, journeyman industrial  
 1-34 electricians, journeyman linemen, residential appliance  
 1-35 installers, and residential appliance installation contractors as  
 1-36 prescribed by this chapter.

1-37 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, is  
 1-38 amended by adding Section 1305.1601 to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 1305.1601. JOURNEYMAN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN. An  
 1-40 applicant for a license as a journeyman industrial electrician  
 1-41 must:

1-42 (1) have at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training  
 1-43 as a licensed electrical apprentice under the supervision of a  
 1-44 master electrician; and

1-45 (2) pass a journeyman industrial electrician  
 1-46 examination administered under this chapter.

1-47 SECTION 4. Section 1305.162, Occupations Code, is amended  
 1-48 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-49 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an examination required  
 1-50 for a license as a journeyman industrial electrician under Section  
 1-51 1305.1601 may only test an applicant regarding activities performed  
 1-52 by a journeyman industrial electrician at a location described by  
 1-53 Section 1305.002(11-b).

1-54 SECTION 5. Section 1305.168(a), Occupations Code, is  
 1-55 amended to read as follows:

1-56 (a) To renew a master electrician, journeyman electrician,  
 1-57 master sign electrician, journeyman sign electrician, maintenance  
 1-58 electrician, journeyman industrial electrician, journeyman  
 1-59 lineman, or residential wireman license, the license holder must  
 1-60 complete four hours of continuing education annually.

1-61 SECTION 6. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Texas

2-1 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules as  
2-2 required by Section 1305.102, Occupations Code, as amended by this  
2-3 Act.

2-4 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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