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By:  Thompson of Harris H.B. No. 4006

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4006:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to licensing examination requirements for a journeyman lineman.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1305.101(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The executive director or commission, as appropriate, shall:

(1)  by rule establish the financial responsibility requirements for electrical contractors; [~~and~~]

(2)  after publication of the National Electrical Code by the National Fire Protection Association every three years, adopt the revised National Electrical Code as the electrical code for the state; and

(3)  after publication of the National Electrical Safety Code by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers every five years, adopt the revised National Electrical Safety Code for purposes of Section 1305.162(e).

SECTION 2.  Section 1305.162(e), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an examination required for a license as:

(1)  a journeyman industrial electrician under Section 1305.1601 may only test an applicant regarding activities performed by a journeyman industrial electrician at a location described by Section 1305.002(11-b); and

(2)  a journeyman lineman under Section 1305.1605 may only test an applicant regarding activities performed by a journeyman lineman as described by the National Electrical Safety Code as adopted under Section 1305.101(a).

SECTION 3.  Section 1305.162(e)(2), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an examination for a journeyman lineman license administered on or after June 1, 2020. An examination for a journeyman lineman license administered before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the examination was administered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  Not later than March 1, 2020, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary to implement Sections 1305.101(a)(3) and 1305.162(e)(2), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.