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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

1 by a journeyman industrial electrician at a location described by  
2 Section [1305.002\(11-b\)](#); and

3 (2) a journeyman lineman under Section [1305.1605](#) may  
4 only test an applicant regarding activities performed by a  
5 journeyman lineman as described by the National Electrical Safety  
6 Code as adopted under Section [1305.101\(a\)](#).

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

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

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