

1-1 By: Schaefer, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 1391
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2023;
 1-3 April 26, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the requirements to obtain a residential wireman
 1-22 license.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 1305.157, Occupations Code, is amended
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 1305.157. RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN. An applicant for a
 1-27 license as a residential wireman must:

1-28 (1) either:

1-29 (A) have at least 4,000 hours of on-the-job
 1-30 training under the supervision of a master electrician or
 1-31 residential wireman; or

1-32 (B) successfully complete a career and
 1-33 technology education program described by Section 1305.1575; and

1-34 (2) pass a residential wireman examination
 1-35 administered under this chapter.

1-36 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, is
 1-37 amended by adding Section 1305.1575 to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 1305.1575. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
 1-39 RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN LICENSE; INSTRUCTORS. (a) In this section:

1-40 (1) "Career and technology education program" means:

1-41 (A) a career and technology education program
 1-42 under Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code; or

1-43 (B) a program determined by the department to be
 1-44 similar to that described by Paragraph (A) and offered by:

1-45 (i) an institution of higher education; or

1-46 (ii) a private school, as defined by
 1-47 Section 5.001, Education Code.

1-48 (2) "Institution of higher education" means an
 1-49 institution of higher education or a private or independent
 1-50 institution of higher education, as those terms are defined by
 1-51 Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-52 (b) A person who successfully completes a sequence of
 1-53 courses in the electrical trade that are offered through a career
 1-54 and technology education program may apply for and take an
 1-55 examination for a license as a residential wireman, regardless of
 1-56 whether the person has completed the number of hours of on-the-job
 1-57 training required by Section 1305.157(1).

1-58 (c) The commission by rule shall establish standards for the
 1-59 essential knowledge and skills of a career and technology education
 1-60 program described by Subsection (b), subject to the approval of the
 1-61 State Board of Education if the courses are to be offered in a high

2-1 school. The rules must:

2-2 (1) require the program to consist of an appropriate
2-3 number of hours of classroom instruction and a practical component;
2-4 and

2-5 (2) provide for crediting appropriate on-the-job
2-6 training toward meeting the requirements of the practical
2-7 component.

2-8 (d) A student of any age enrolled in a career and technology
2-9 education program is eligible to take the sequence of courses
2-10 described by Subsection (b) without being licensed under this
2-11 chapter. This subsection does not authorize a person to perform
2-12 electrical work without the appropriate license outside of a
2-13 program described by this section.

2-14 (e) A person may not provide instruction in a program
2-15 described by this section unless the person is licensed as a master
2-16 electrician, journeyman electrician, or residential wireman.

2-17 (f) A career and technology education program offered under
2-18 this section by an institution of higher education may not be more
2-19 stringent than a program offered by a public high school.

2-20 (g) Hours spent completing a program described by this
2-21 section may not be credited toward any on-the-job training required
2-22 to apply for a license under this chapter.

2-23 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 1305.167, Occupations
2-24 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-25 Sec. 1305.167. LICENSE RENEWAL; FEE EXEMPTION.

2-26 SECTION 4. Section 1305.167, Occupations Code, is amended
2-27 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

2-28 (d) A license holder who provides instruction in a career
2-29 and technology education program described by Section 1305.1575 is
2-30 not required to pay a fee to renew the license.

2-31 SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-32 of this Act, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
2-33 adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this
2-34 Act to Chapter 1305, Occupations Code.

2-35 SECTION 6. In developing the initial standards for the
2-36 career and technology education program under Section
2-37 1305.1575(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, the Texas
2-38 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall consult with the Texas
2-39 State Technical College and relevant interest groups in the
2-40 electrical industry.

2-41 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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