

P.L. 2018, CHAPTER 155, *approved December 17, 2018*

Assembly, No. 2182

1 AN ACT concerning electrical contractors and amending P.L.1962,
2 c.162 and P.L.2001, c.21.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 9 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-9) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 9. (a) On or after July 1, 1963, no person shall advertise, enter
10 into, engage in or work in business as an electrical contractor,
11 unless such person has secured a business permit and such person or
12 an officer, partner or employee who is or will be actively engaged
13 in the business for which a business permit is sought has obtained a
14 license from the board in accordance with the provisions of this act,
15 and such licensee shall assume full responsibility for inspection and
16 supervision of all electrical work to be performed by the permittee
17 in compliance with recognized safety standards. A licensee shall
18 not be entitled to qualify more than one person for a business
19 permit.

20 Any single act or transaction shall constitute engaging in the
21 business of electrical contracting within the meaning of this chapter.

22 (b) **【Except as otherwise provided in section 10, no】** No person
23 shall be granted an electrical contractor's license unless he shall first
24 establish his qualifications therefor and shall take and pass the
25 examination for electrical contractors. An applicant for such
26 examination shall have been employed or engaged in the business
27 of electrical construction and installation **【or have equivalent**
28 **practical experience】** for a period of not less than five years
29 preceding the time of such application **【, or shall otherwise**
30 establish to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has the
31 necessary educational background and experience to qualify to take
32 the examination for a license**】**. During the five-year period the
33 applicant shall spend one year as a journeyman electrician and four
34 years in an electrical apprenticeship program accredited and
35 approved by the United States Department of Labor, with proof of
36 passage and successful completion of this program while actively
37 engaged or employed as an electrical apprentice. For a period of
38 four years following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), each year of
40 employment in the electrical trade or enrollment in a formal
41 electrical apprenticeship program completed prior to the effective
42 date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 bill), shall be accepted by the board in lieu of one year's enrollment
2 in an electrical apprenticeship program accredited and approved by
3 the United States Department of Labor, up to a maximum total
4 credit of four years.

5 The examination shall be so designed as to establish the
6 competence and qualification of the applicant to perform and
7 supervise the various phases of electrical contracting work. Any
8 applicant who shall fail to pass such examination shall not be
9 eligible to retake an examination until six months from the date of
10 such failure.

11 (c) An applicant for an examination for a license shall apply to
12 the board for permission to take such examination upon forms
13 provided by the board and shall provide the board with such
14 information as shall be necessary to establish his qualifications to
15 take the examination. The applicant for an initial examination shall
16 pay a fee to the board of \$25.00. An applicant for re-examination
17 shall pay a fee to the board of \$15.00. Such fees shall not be
18 refundable.

19 (cf: P.L.1990, c.108, s.1)

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21 2. Section 4 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.2) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 4. a. On and after the effective date of P.L.2001, c.21
24 (C.45:5A-11.1 et al.), any person desiring to register as a qualified
25 journeyman electrician shall make application to the board to be so
26 registered and shall pay all the fees required in connection
27 therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or changed by
28 the board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses
29 incurred by the board to administer the provisions of **【this act】**
30 P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1 et al.). Fees shall not be fixed at a
31 level, however, that will raise amounts in excess of the amount
32 estimated to be so required.

33 b. On and after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
34 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), any person desiring to
35 register as an apprentice electrician enrolled in an electrical
36 contractor's apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the
37 United States Department of Labor shall make an application to the
38 board to be so registered and shall pay all the fees required in
39 connection therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or
40 changed by the board to the extent necessary to defray all proper
41 expenses incurred by the board to administer the provisions of
42 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
43 Fees shall not be fixed at a level, however, that will raise amounts
44 in excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

45 (cf: P.L.2001, c.21, s.4)

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47 3. Section 5 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.3) is amended to
48 read as follows:

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1 The bill also makes a technical correction to the current law,
2 which makes reference to a repealed section of law.

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7 Establishes an apprenticeship requirement to qualify for an
8 electrical contractor's license.