

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1609

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS;

AMENDING SECTION 1, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1680), WHICH RELATES TO THE ELECTRICAL LICENSE ACT; CHANGING NAME TO THE ELECTRICAL SAFETY ACT; AMENDING SECTION 2, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 200, O.S.L. 1987 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1681), WHICH RELATES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; MODIFYING DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AMENDING SECTION 3, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 256, O.S.L. 1985 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1682), WHICH RELATES TO DEFINITIONS; ADDING MASTER ELECTRICIAN DESIGNATION; MODIFYING AND ADDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 200, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1683), WHICH RELATES TO THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS; CHANGING NAME TO THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS AND INSPECTORS; MODIFYING CERTAIN DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR A CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION, LICENSING AND EXAMINATION FOR MASTER ELECTRICIAN; AMENDING SECTION 5, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1684),

WHICH RELATES TO EXAMINATION FOR LICENSES;
PROVIDING FOR MASTER ELECTRICIANS; AMENDING SECTION
6, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990,
SECTION 1685), WHICH RELATES TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR
LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY JOURNEYMAN
ELECTRICIAN LICENSES; PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS;
AMENDING SECTION 8, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1687), WHICH RELATES TO
FEES; MODIFYING AND ADDING CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING
SECTION 9, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP.
1990, SECTION 1688), WHICH RELATES TO LIMITATION ON
CERTAIN LICENSE; MODIFYING CERTAIN CERTIFICATES;
AMENDING SECTION 10, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1689), WHICH RELATES TO
THE ELECTRICAL HEARING BOARD; MODIFYING CERTAIN
PROHIBITED ACTS; PROVIDING FOR THE DELAY OR DENIAL
OF LICENSE RENEWAL; DESIGNATING JURISDICTION OF
SAID HEARING BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 11, CHAPTER
337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION
1690), WHICH RELATES TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF
THE ACT; MODIFYING AND ADDING CERTAIN PENALTIES;
AMENDING SECTION 12, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1691), WHICH RELATES TO
ADDRESS NOTIFICATION; MODIFYING SUCH NOTIFICATION;
CONFORMING LANGUAGE TO CERTAIN NAME CHANGE;
AMENDING SECTION 13, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1692), WHICH RELATES TO
NON APPLICATION OF THE ACT; CONFORMING LANGUAGE TO
CERTAIN NAME CHANGE; MODIFYING EXCEPTION TO
REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 14, CHAPTER 337,
O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1693),
WHICH RELATES TO MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS; MODIFYING

REQUESTS FOR PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; MODIFYING QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN INSPECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 15, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1694), WHICH RELATES TO THE ELECTRICAL REVOLVING FUND; CONFORMING LANGUAGE TO CERTAIN NAME CHANGE; AMENDING SECTION 16, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1695), WHICH RELATES TO PENALTIES; MODIFYING PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 17, CHAPTER 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1696), WHICH RELATES TO AUTHORIZATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REGULATIONS; CONFORMING LANGUAGE TO NAME CHANGE AND NEW DESIGNATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1680), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1680. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 1987 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1681), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1681. The State Board of Health is hereby authorized to establish minimum standards of electrical installation within the state and to adopt and enforce applicable codes, to adopt, amend and repeal rules and regulations governing the examination and licensing of electrical contractors, master electricians and journeymen

electricians, the defining of categories and limitations for such licenses, the establishment of bonding and insurance requirements precluding municipal requirements, the requirement of proof of possession of a Federal Tax ID Number and a State of Oklahoma Employment Security Commission identification number, the registration of electrical apprentices and the standard of electrical installations, and to adopt future editions of the Code.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 256, O.S.L. 1985 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1682), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1682. As used in the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act:

1. "Board" means the State Board of Health;
2. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;
3. "Committee" means the Committee of Electrical Examiners appointed by the State Board of Health;
4. "Electrical apprentice" means any person sixteen (16) years of age or older whose principal occupation is the learning of and assisting in the installation of electrical work under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman electrician or ~~electrical contractor~~ master electrician;
5. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an ~~electrical contractor~~ master electrician who engages in the actual supervision, layout, installation, alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities unless specifically exempted by the provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act;
6. "~~Electrical contractor~~ Master electrician" means any person skilled in the planning, superintending and practical installation of electrical facilities who is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations governing such work. ~~Electrical contractor also means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or business performing skills of an electrical contractor of an electrician or the business of contracting, or furnishing labor or labor and~~

~~materials for the installation, repair, maintenance or renovation of electrical facilities according to the provisions of the Electrical License Act;~~

7. "Electrical contractor" means a person, firm, or corporation operating a business that undertakes or offers to undertake to plan for, lay out, supervise, or to make additions, alterations, or repairs in the installation of wiring, apparatus, or electric light, heat, or power with or without compensation, and which is licensed as such by the Commissioner. An electrical contractor's license does not of itself qualify its holder to perform the electrical work authorized by holding any class of electrician's license;

8. "Electrical facilities" means all wiring, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances for, and in connection with, a supply of electricity within or adjacent to any building, structure or conveyance on the premises but not including the connection with a power supply meter or other power supply source; and

~~8.~~ 9. "Category" means the classification by which licenses and electrical work may be limited. Such categories shall include but shall not be limited to installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, residential, oilfield, and commercial; and

10. "Jurisdiction" means all area within the state, cities and towns having electrical inspection programs exercising authority in their incorporated area, all other area to be under the authority of the State Department of Health, Electrical Safety Program.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 1987 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1683), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1683. A. There is hereby established the Committee of Electrical Examiners and Inspectors which shall consist of six (6) members. All members of the Committee shall be residents of this state.

B. Five voting members of the Committee shall be appointed by the State Board of Health as follows:

1. One member shall be an electrical inspector selected from a list of names submitted by the Oklahoma Chapter, International Association of Electrical Inspectors;

2. One member shall be selected from a list of names submitted by the Oklahoma Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association;

3. One member shall be selected from a list of names submitted by the Independent Electrical Contractors Association/Associated Builders and Constructors;

4. One member shall be a journeyman wireman selected from a list of names submitted by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; ~~and~~

5. One member shall be a journeyman wireman selected from lists of names submitted from the electrical construction industry. All members shall each have at least ten (10) years of active experience as licensed electrical contractors, master electricians or journeyman electricians or as an electrical inspector. The terms of members so appointed shall be staggered and shall be for two (2) years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. Provided, members serving on the Commission on the effective date of this act shall continue serving until their terms expire. Provided, further, the terms of three of the additional members initially appointed after the effective date of this act shall be for one (1) year; ~~and~~

~~The nonvoting~~ 6. A sixth member shall be designated by the Board from the staff of the State Department of Health to serve as the Program Administrator and Recording Secretary to the Committee to act as Chief Electrical Inspector exercising authority for code interpretation within the state.

C. Vacancies which may occur in the membership of the Committee shall be filled by appointment of the Board. Each person who has been appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the member he succeeds was appointed and until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. Members of the Committee may be removed from office by the Board for cause in the manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment.

D. The Committee shall assist and advise the Commissioner on all matters relating to the adoption of codes and standards and the formulation of rules, regulations and standards in accordance with the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act. The Committee shall provide for and administer the examinations of applicants for licenses as electrical contractors ~~or~~, master electricians and journeyman electricians provided that such examinations shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act, Section 1680 et seq. of this title.

E. All members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. A majority of the total membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1684), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1684. A. Examinations for licenses as electrical contractors, master electricians or journeyman electricians shall be uniform and practical in nature for each respective license and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for licenses. Examinations shall be in whole or

in part in writing. The Committee shall conduct examinations twice a year and at such other times as it deems necessary.

B. Any applicant initially failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days. Any applicant subsequently failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of ninety (90) days.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1685), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1685. A. The Commissioner shall issue a license as journeyman electrician, master electrician or electrical contractor ~~to any person who:~~

1. ~~Has~~ To any person who has been certified by the Committee as either having successfully passed the appropriate examination or having a valid license issued by another governmental entity with licensing requirements similar to those provided in the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act; and

2. ~~Has~~ To any firm or corporation for the business of electrical contracting, which meet the requirements in subsection D of this section and the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Health; and

3. To any person or firm who has paid the license fee and otherwise complied with the provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act.

Temporary journeyman licenses may be issued at the Committee's discretion if a shortage of journeyman exist. Such license to be issued only to a person who holds a current license issued by another governmental entity with licensing requirements, in the opinion of the Committee, similar to Oklahoma license requirements. All such licensees shall pay all fees. Not more than one (1) temporary licensee shall be eligible to work under the direct

supervision of an Oklahoma licensed electrician for a period extending from issue date, not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days.

B. All licenses shall be nontransferable and it shall be a misdemeanor for any person licensed under the provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act to loan or allow the use of such license by any other person, firm or corporation, except as specifically provided in the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act.

~~C. Until October 1, 1982, the Commissioner shall, upon proper application and payment of fees, issue licenses without examinations to persons who prior to July 1, 1982, held unexpired licenses as journeyman electricians or electrical contractors issued by a city or incorporated town of this state, and who have otherwise complied with the requirements of the Electrical License Act. This license must be produced as a prerequisite to obtaining a state license if the applicant is a resident of a city or town having a licensing law~~
Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than an electrical contractor or a person acting as an employee of a licensed electrical contractor as defined by Section 3 of this act shall undertake or offer to undertake to plan for, lay out, supervise or install or to make additions, alterations, or repairs in the installation of wiring apparatus and equipment for electrical light, heat, or power with or without compensation unless he shall obtain an electrical contractor's license.

D. No contractor shall engage in the business unless he is or has in his full-time employ, a licensed master electrician, who shall be responsible for the performance of all electrical work in accordance with the requirements of this act. When an electrical contractor's license is held by an individual, partnership, or corporation, the master electrician must be the individual, one of the partners, or an officer of the corporation.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1687), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1687. The following shall be the fees charged under the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act:

Electrical Contractor Examination	\$50.00
<u>Master Electrician Examination</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Journeyman Electrician Examination	\$25.00
Electrical Contractor License	\$50.00
<u>Master Electrician License</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Journeyman Electrician License	\$15.00
Electrical Apprentice Registration Fee	\$10.00
	<u>\$5.00</u>

License Renewal, if made within thirty (30) days after expiration:

Electrical Contractor License	\$50.00
Journeyman Electrician License	\$15.00

Penalty for Late License Renewal:

Electrical Contractor License	\$10.00
	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Master Electrician</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Journeyman Electrician License	\$5.00

Any penalty for submittal of bad checks or checks returned for insufficient funds shall be assessed to the maximum allowed by law.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1688), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1688. No license shall be issued for longer than one (1) year and all licenses shall expire on June 30 of each year. A license may be renewed upon application and payment of fees thirty (30) days preceding or following June 30 of each year and not be subject to a late renewal penalty. No penalty for late renewal

shall be charged to any holder of a license which expires while the holder is in military service if an application for renewal is made within one (1) year following his service discharge.

Apprentice registration certificates expire ~~four (4) years after the date of registration~~ after one (1) year, at which time the apprentice may reregister. Certificates shall be designated as first year, second year, third year or fourth year registration. An apprentice shall reregister each subsequent year until reaching the fifth year or becoming a licensed journeyman, whichever comes first. A fourth year registration shall be allowed to reregister until successfully obtaining a journeyman license or ended the sixth year of registration. After the sixth year of registration no reregistration for apprentice shall be allowed.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY Section 10, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1689), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1689. A. The Commissioner and the Committee shall act as the Electrical Hearing Board and shall comply with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.

B. The Electrical Hearing Board may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon written complaint filed by any person, investigate the business transactions of any electrical contractor, master electrician, journeyman electrician or electrical apprentice. The Board shall suspend or revoke any license or registration obtained by false or fraudulent representation. The Board shall also suspend or revoke any license or registration for any of the following:

1. Making a material misstatement in the application for a license or registration, or the renewal of a license or registration;

2. Loaning of or ~~illegally using~~ the improper or illegal use of a license;

3. Demonstrating incompetence to act as a journeyman electrician, master electrician or electrical contractor. The Board may require remedial education and/or testing for competence;

4. Violating any provisions of the Electrical License Safety Act, or any rule, regulation or order prescribed by the Commission or any ordinance or regulation for the installation of electrical facilities made or enacted by a city or town by authority of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act; or

5. Willfully failing to perform normal business obligations without justifiable cause.

Any person whose license or registration has been revoked by the Electrical Hearing Board shall forfeit the license card to the Chief Electrical Inspector and may apply for a new license one (1) year from the date of such revocation.

C. The Commissioner may deny or delay license renewal for any person or firm who is guilty of repeated violations or considered in flagrant violation of this section.

D. The Electrical Hearing Board shall act as the authority for the State of Oklahoma, exercising legal jurisdiction as outlined in paragraph 90-4 of the National Electrical Code.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY Section 11, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1690), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1690. A. ~~Ninety (90) days from and after July 1, 1982,~~ It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to perform the work of a journeyman electrician until such person has qualified and is licensed as a journeyman electrician or ~~electrical contractor~~ master electrician.

B. ~~Ninety (90) days from and after July 1, 1982, it~~ It shall be a misdemeanor for any person or firm to act as an electrical contractor or to engage in or offer to engage in, by advertisement or otherwise, the business of an electrical contractor until the

person, or a member of the partnership, or an officer of the firm, association or corporation, shall have qualified as a licensed master electrician, employed full time by the electrical contractor and is licensed as an issued an active electrical contractor contractors license.

Failure to maintain contractor requirements under the terms the license was issued, shall immediately void active status of the license and shall invalidate the use of such license.

A person, firm, or corporation in violation of the Electrical Safety Act shall not be eligible to obtain a license, until such time any commitment involving electrical contracting by said person, firm or corporation has been voided, and that the given project, if continued, has been awarded to a person, firm, or corporation duly licensed by the Commissioner and eligible to engage in such project.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1691), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1691. Any holder of a license or registration issued in accordance with the provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act shall promptly notify the Commissioner of any change in his address or status.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY Section 13, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1984 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1692), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1692. A. The provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act shall not apply to:

1. Minor repairs, consisting of repairing or replacing outlets or minor working parts of electrical fixtures;
2. Maintenance work for ~~state and~~ federal institutions;
3. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and renovation by a public utility regulated by the Corporation Commission;

4. Public service corporations, telephone and telegraph companies, rural electric associations or municipal utilities; or

5. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and renovation of telephone equipment or computer systems by a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the telecommunications or information systems industry when such activities involve work exclusively for communication of data, voice, or for other signaling purposes; except fire alarm systems, security systems and environmental control systems that are not an integral part of a telecommunications system.

B. Nothing in the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act shall be construed to require:

1. Employment of a licensed electrical contractor, journeyman electrician or electrical apprentice except as required by local ordinances and resolutions;

2. Any regular employee of any firm or corporation to hold a license before doing any electrical maintenance work on the property of the firm or corporation whether or not the property is owned, leased or rented except as may be required by local ordinances and resolutions; or

3. An individual to hold a license before doing electrical work on his own ~~property or~~ residence except as may be required by local ordinances and resolutions.

SECTION 13. AMENDATORY Section 14, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1693), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1693. A. Any city or town in this state may prescribe rules, regulations and standards for the materials used and the construction, installation and inspection of all electrical work in connection with any building, structure or conveyance in such city or town provided that no electrical work shall be done without a permit first being obtained from such city or town. All requests

for permits and inspections shall be authorized by the responsible master electrician of record or his designee. This permit may be issued upon such terms and conditions as the city or town may prescribe.

B. Any city or town in this state may create an office of electrical inspector whose duty it shall be to inspect all electrical installations under the jurisdiction of such city or town and to issue a certificate upon the completion of each inspection. This inspector shall have at least five (5) years of active ~~experience in the electrical industry~~ construction experience and shall have no interest, direct or indirect, in any firm or corporation engaged in the electrical industry. Any city or town with a population of four thousand (4,000) or less may, in its discretion, appoint some other person deemed qualified for this office.

C. The electrical inspector may hold more than one office in the city or town appointing him and his salary shall be as determined by such city or town.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY Section 15, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1694), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1694. All monies received by the Commissioner under the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and credited to the "Electrical Revolving Fund". The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the control and management of the Commissioner. Expenditures from this fund shall be made pursuant to the purposes of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act and shall include, but not be limited to, payment of operating costs and the costs of programs designed to promote public awareness of the electrical industry, and expenditures for the preparation and printing of regulations, bulletins or other documents and the furnishing of

copies of such documents to those persons engaged in the electrical industry or the public. Warrants for expenditures shall be drawn by the State Auditor and Inspector based on claims signed by the Commissioner and approved for payment by the Director of State Finance. The revolving fund shall be audited at least once each year by the State Auditor and Inspector.

SECTION 15. AMENDATORY Section 16, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1695), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1695. A. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act or any provision of an ordinance or regulation enacted by a city or town by authority of the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act, in addition to suffering possible suspension or revocation of a license or registration, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than ~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~ Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and shall not be allowed to continue any contract or bid entered into prior to obtaining a license.

B. If any electrical facilities as defined in the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act are in violation of the National Electrical Code set forth in the National Fire Code (Electrical) issued by the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA number 70, current edition, as amended, or any ordinance or other regulation of a city or town, the proper authorities of that city or town, in addition to other remedies, may institute appropriate action or proceedings to prevent any illegal installation or use of such facilities, to restrain, correct or abate any violation, or to prevent illegal occupancy of a building or structure.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY Section 17, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1982 (59 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1696), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1696. Nothing in the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act shall prohibit cities and towns from having full authority to provide supervision and inspection of electrical facilities by the enactment of codes, ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations in such form as they may determine and prescribe; provided, that no such codes, ordinances, bylaws, rules or regulations shall be inconsistent with the Electrical ~~License~~ Safety Act, or any rule or regulation adopted or prescribed by the State Board of Health as authorized by the Electrical License Act. Each state licensed electrical contractor, master electrician and journeyman electrician shall be required to register with any city or town in whose jurisdiction he operates. Each such city or town is authorized to register such electrical contractor, master electrician or journeyman electrician, to revoke the registration, to charge fees for the registration and for permits and inspections of electrical work. No electrical contractor, master electrician or journeyman electrician shall be permitted to do business or work in any city or town where his local registration has been revoked.

SECTION 17. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 18. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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