ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1143 By: Long of the Senate

and

Sadler of the House

(professions and occupations - Electrical License Act - emergency)

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 1682, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1994 and 1688, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Sections 1682 and 1688), which relate to the Electrical License Act; modifying and adding definitions; adding gender reference; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1682, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1682), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1682. As used in the Electrical License 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. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

5. "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;

6. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation, alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities <u>or electrical construction work</u> unless specifically exempted by the provisions of the Electrical License Act;

7. "Electrical contractor" 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 or an electrician or the business of contracting, or furnishing labor or labor and materials for the installation, repair, maintenance or renovation of electrical facilities <u>or electrical construction work</u> according to the provisions of the Electrical License Act;

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;

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. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board; and

11. "Electrical construction work" means installation, fabrication or assembly of equipment or systems included in "premises wiring" as defined in the 1996 edition of the National Electrical Code, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Electrical construction work includes, but is not limited to, installation of raceway systems used for any electrical purposes, and installation of field-assembled systems such as ice and snow melting, pipe-tracing, and manufactured wiring systems. Electrical construction work shall not include work performed by telecommunications employees for telecommunications companies or installation of factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the equipment are required in the field.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1688, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1688), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1688. A. 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 or her service discharge.

B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing education by completing a course on the current national electrical code revision, not to exceed six (6) hours of instruction as

determined by the Committee and approved by the State Board of Health, within one (1) year of adoption of the current national electrical code revision.

C. An apprentice registration certificate shall be issued for not longer than one (1) year and shall expire August 15, at which time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 3. 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."

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate