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March 29, 2018

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2935

By: Mulready of the House

and

# Daniels of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1682, which relates to Electrical License Act; adding definition; providing exemption; limiting supervisory authority of certain electricians; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1682, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1682. A. As used in the Electrical License Act:

1. "Board" means the Construction Industries Board;

2. "Committee" means the Committee of Electrical Examiners  
appointed by the Board;

3. "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;

1       4. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an  
2 electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation,  
3 alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities or  
4 electrical construction work unless specifically exempted by the  
5 provisions of the Electrical License Act;

6       5. "Electrical contractor" means any person skilled in the  
7 planning, superintending and practical installation of electrical  
8 facilities who is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations  
9 governing such work. Electrical contractor also means any  
10 individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability  
11 company, or business performing skills of an electrical contractor  
12 or an electrician or the business of contracting, or furnishing  
13 labor or labor and materials for the installation, repair,  
14 maintenance or renovation of electrical facilities or electrical  
15 construction work according to the provisions of the Electrical  
16 License Act;

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

22       7. "Category" means the classification by which licenses and  
23 electrical work may be limited. Such categories shall include but  
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1 shall not be limited to installation, maintenance, repair,  
2 alteration, residential, oilfield, and commercial;

3 8. "Temporary journeyman electrician" means any person other  
4 than a person permanently licensed as a journeyman electrician or  
5 electrical contractor in this state who meets the temporary  
6 licensure requirements of Section 1685.1 of this title;

7 9. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State  
8 Electrical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board; ~~and~~

9 10. "Electrical construction work" means installation,  
10 fabrication or assembly of equipment or systems included in  
11 "premises wiring" as defined in the National Electrical Code  
12 (reference 158:40-1-4. Standard of Installation), and which is  
13 hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. Electrical  
14 construction work includes, but is not limited to, installation of  
15 raceway systems used for any electrical purposes, and installation  
16 of field-assembled systems such as ice and snow melting, pipe-  
17 tracing, and manufactured wiring systems. Electrical construction  
18 work shall not include in-plant work performed by employees of the  
19 company owning the plant, work performed by telecommunications  
20 employees for telecommunications companies, or installation of  
21 factory-assembled appliances or machinery which is not part of the  
22 premises wiring unless wiring interconnections external to the  
23 equipment are required in the field; and

1        11. "Electrical work" means work consisting primarily of the  
2 layout, installation, maintenance, repair, testing or replacement of  
3 all or part of electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures,  
4 appliances or equipment for transmitting, carrying, controlling or  
5 using electricity in, on, outside or attached to a building,  
6 structure, property or premises. Electrical work shall not mean  
7 work that is related to or facilitates the construction,  
8 installation or maintenance of all or part of an electrical system,  
9 but which does not involve actual work with any of the electrical  
10 components provided in this definition.

11        B. Class 2 and Class 3 circuits shall be exempt from the  
12 requirements of electrical licensing of either an electrical  
13 contractor or a journeyman electrician, provided the work is  
14 performed in accordance with the National Fire Protection  
15 Association 70 requirements for Class 2 and Class 3 circuits.

16        SECTION 2.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698 of Title 59, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19        No more than three apprentice electricians shall work under the  
20 supervision of a single journeyman or contractor.

21        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND TOURISM  
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