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February 15, 2018

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1513

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[ Electrical License Act - definitions - apprentices
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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. 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;

4. "Journeyman electrician" means any person other than an electrical contractor who engages in the actual installation, alteration, repair or renovation of electrical facilities or

1 electrical construction work unless specifically exempted by the
2 provisions of the Electrical License Act;

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

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

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

23 8. "Temporary journeyman electrician" means any person other
24 than a person permanently licensed as a journeyman electrician or

1 electrical contractor in this state who meets the temporary
2 licensure requirements of Section 1685.1 of this title;

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

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

20 11. "Electrical work" means work consisting primarily of the
21 layout, installation, maintenance, repair, testing or replacement of
22 all or part of electrical wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures,
23 appliances or equipment for transmitting, carrying, controlling or
24 using electricity in, on, outside or attached to a building,

1 structure, property or premises. "Electrical work" shall not mean
2 work that is related to or facilitates the construction,
3 installation or maintenance of all or part of an electrical system,
4 which does not involve actual work with any of the electrical
5 components listed in the first sentence of this paragraph.

6 **SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1692, is**
7 **amended to read as follows:**

8 **Section 1692. A. The provisions of the Electrical License Act**
9 **shall not apply to:**

10 **1. Minor repairs, consisting of repairing or replacing outlets**
11 **or minor working parts of electrical fixtures;**

12 **2. Maintenance work for state and federal institutions;**

13 **3. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and**
14 **renovation by a public utility regulated by the Corporation**
15 **Commission;**

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

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

3 6. The installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of
4 water supply pumps, provided such work is performed from the output
5 side of a fused disconnect or breaker box; or

6 7. Alarm and locksmiths, or low voltage providers, who perform
7 installation, maintenance, repair, replacement and renovation of
8 Class 2 and Class 3 circuits; provided the work is performed in
9 accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, requirements
10 for such Class 2 or Class 3 circuits.

11 B. Nothing in the Electrical License Act shall be construed to
12 require:

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

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

21 3. An individual to hold a license before doing electrical work
22 on his own property or residence except as may be required by local
23 ordinances and resolutions.
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1 SECTION **3.** NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698 of Title 59, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 No more than three registered apprentice electricians shall work
5 under the supervision of a single journeyman or contractor.

6 SECTION **4.** NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
7 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

8 The Construction Industries Board shall amend its rules,
9 wherever applicable, to conform to the definition and requirement of
10 this act.

11 **SECTION 5.** This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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