

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 43-09-11 and sections 43-09-15
2 and 43-09-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electrician qualifications and
3 license renewal; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 43-09-11 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. For licensure as a journeyman electrician, an applicant must have:

8 a. Completed eight thousand hours' experience in installing and repairing electrical
9 wiring, apparatus, and equipment, which experience may not be obtained in less
10 than three years.

11 b. Effective for an applicant who registered with the board as an apprentice after
12 January 31, 2008, completed at least one of the following:

13 (1) Successfully completed apprenticeship training approved by the ~~federal~~
14 ~~bureau of apprenticeship and training~~board and completed eight thousand
15 hours' experience in installing and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, and
16 equipment.

17 (2) Successfully completed an appropriate course of study, which may not be
18 less than two years or the equivalent of two years, at a board-approved
19 institution of higher education and completed eight thousand hours'
20 experience in installing and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, and
21 equipment. The board may determine equivalent hours of education that
22 may be applied as a credit against the eight thousand hours' experience
23 requirement under this paragraph.

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-09-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **43-09-15. Renewal of license - Denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses.**

4 1. An electrician's license may be issued for a term of only one year, but may be
5 renewed without examination upon the payment of the proper fee. If the licensee fails
6 to renew the license for a period of three consecutive years or more, the licensee is
7 required to appear for re-examination. The state electrical board may deny, suspend,
8 revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued or applied for under the provisions of
9 this chapter for any of the following reasons:

- 10 4. a. Failure or refusal to maintain or adhere to the minimum standards set forth in the
11 electrical code referred to in section 43-09-21.
- 12 2. b. Any cause for which the issuance of the license could have been refused had it
13 then existed and been known to the board.
- 14 3. c. Commitment of any act of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the
15 practice of a master or journeyman electrician or the business of an electrical
16 contractor.
- 17 4. d. Material misstatement, misrepresentation, or fraud in obtaining the license.
- 18 5. e. After due notice, failed or refused to correct, within the specified time, any
19 electrical installation not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- 20 6. f. Failure or refusal to make deposit or acquire public liability insurance as required
21 by sections ~~43-09-14~~ and section 43-09-20.
- 22 7. g. Failure to repay or enter into a written contract for repayment, under a payment
23 schedule acceptable to the board, ~~of money disbursed from the fund as provided~~
24 ~~under section 43-09-14~~, or failure to make timely payments under a payment
25 contract entered into under the board's policy for administering the undertaking
26 fund.
- 27 8. h. Failure to furnish certification of completion of ~~continuing~~ education as required
28 under section 43-09-15.1.
- 29 2. Any person whose license is denied or whose license is suspended or revoked by the
30 board, or who is refused a license by the board, may appeal to the appropriate court.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-09-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **43-09-15.1. ~~Continuing education~~Education.**

4 ~~After March 31, 1990, each~~Each applicant for renewal of an electrician's license pursuant to
5 section 43-09-15 must have successfully completed ~~prior thereto~~ at least four hours, and
6 thereafter eight hours each biennium, of ~~continuing~~ education relating to the standards set forth
7 in section 43-09-21 or as otherwise prescribed by the board. The board may not require more
8 than sixteen hours of continuing education in each biennium. The board shall conduct education
9 sessions for licensees each year at not less than six locations throughout the state. Attendance
10 at such sessions, or attendance at other education sessions certified by the board as approved,
11 fulfills the educational requirements of this section. The board may charge a fee to licensees for
12 attendance at the education sessions at an amount to be determined by the board, but not to
13 exceed ten dollars per person for each session. The board may expend funds to educate and
14 encourage potential electricians or power limited technicians into the trade.

15 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.