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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6; RELATING TO ELECTRICIANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding article 6, to read:

4 ARTICLE 6. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRICIANS

5 32-1191. Definitions

6 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 1. "APPRENTICE" MEANS A PERSON WHO WORKS IN THE ELECTRICAL TRADE,
8 WHO IS ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WHO HAS NOT
9 WORKED SUFFICIENT HOURS IN THE ELECTRICAL TRADE TO QUALIFY FOR THE
10 COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

11 2. "APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM FOR TRAINING
12 AND CERTIFICATION AS AN APPRENTICE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER THAT IS
13 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

14 3. "ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR" MEANS A COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR WHO IS
15 ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF INSTALLING OR REPAIRING, OR CONTRACTING TO
16 INSTALL OR REPAIR, ELECTRICAL WIRING SYSTEMS THAT USE OR CONSUME
17 ELECTRICITY GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED VOLTS.

18 4. "ELECTRICAL WIRING":

19 (a) MEANS WIRING OR EQUIPMENT THAT IS USED OR NECESSARY FOR THE
20 GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF USE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

21 (b) INCLUDES CONDUITS, FIXTURES, APPLIANCES, DEVICES, EQUIPMENT,
22 OVERHEAD OR UNDERGROUND WIRING SYSTEMS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT.

23 5. "ELECTRICAL WORKER":

24 (a) MEANS A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICIAN, TRAINEE OR APPRENTICE WHO IS
25 EMPLOYED BY AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR AND WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE
26 CERTIFICATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING OR
27 REPAIRING ELECTRICAL WIRING.

28 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE:

29 (i) A SOLE PROPRIETOR.

30 (ii) AN EMPLOYEE OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM THAT IS LICENSED
31 PURSUANT TO TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1.1 WHO INSTALLS, MAINTAINS,
32 SERVICES OR REPAIRS FACILITIES THAT ARE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE CABLE
33 TELEVISION SYSTEM.

34 (iii) AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN.

35 (iv) AN EMPLOYEE OF A UTILITY WHO PERFORMS ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
36 AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR THE GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION
37 OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT IF THE WIRING IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A SYSTEM OWNED
38 AND OPERATED BY THE UTILITY OR MUNICIPAL LIGHT OR POWER DEPARTMENT.

39 (v) AN EMPLOYEE OF A UTILITY WHO INSTALLS, OPERATES, MAINTAINS OR
40 REPAIRS TELEPHONE, SIGNAL OR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.

41 6. "ELECTRICIAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS WORKED THE MINIMUM NUMBER
42 OF HOURS FOR A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE OR HAS COMPLETED
43 AN APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WHO HAS PASSED THE COMMERCIAL
44 ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

1 7. "ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN" MEANS A PERSON WHOSE PRIMARY
2 OCCUPATION IS THE DESIGN OR INTEGRATION, INSTALLATION AND FIELD
3 MAINTENANCE OR SERVICE OF CABLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRODUCTS THAT:

4 (a) TRANSPORT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED VOLTS OF VOICE, VIDEO, AUDIO
5 AND DATA SIGNALS IN A COMMERCIAL PREMISE.

6 (b) CAPTURE AND DISPLAY OR OTHERWISE ENUNCIATE SIGNALS.

7 (c) CONTROL SIGNALS.

8 (d) USE SIGNALS TO CONTROL MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL APPARATUS.

9 8. "INSTALL" MEANS TO CONNECT AND INTEGRATE ELECTRICAL WIRING WITH
10 MANUFACTURED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AS NECESSARY FOR PHYSICAL ACCOMMODATION
11 AND FUNCTIONAL OPERATION OF AN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AT A JOBSITE.

12 9. "JOBSITE" MEANS THE LOCATION WHERE AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR IS
13 OBLIGATED TO PERFORM CONTRACTUAL DUTIES.

14 10. "SOLE PROPRIETOR" MEANS A QUALIFYING PERSON FOR THE PURPOSES OF
15 OBTAINING AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

16 11. "TRAINEE" MEANS A PERSON WHO DOES NOT HAVE A COMMERCIAL
17 ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, WHO WORKS AT THE
18 ELECTRICAL TRADE FOR AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, WHO IS NOT ENROLLED IN AN
19 APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WHO HAS NOT WORKED SUFFICIENT HOURS AT
20 THE ELECTRICAL TRADE TO QUALIFY AS AN ELECTRICIAN.

21 32-1192. Electrical worker certification; registrar; duties;
22 civil penalties; rules

23 A. A PERSON SHALL HOLD AN ACTIVE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER
24 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE TO WORK WITH ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR
25 AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER. NO OTHER
26 CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ELECTRICAL WORK IN THIS
27 STATE.

28 B. THE REGISTRAR SHALL ISSUE A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER
29 CERTIFICATE TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE
30 CERTIFICATION SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE REGISTRAR AND ATTESTED BY THE
31 OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE REGISTRAR.

32 C. THE CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER SHALL POSSESS THE
33 CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AT ALL TIMES ON JOBSITES AND
34 WHEN PERFORMING DUTIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATION. THE
35 CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER SHALL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE TO
36 ANY PERSON OR ANY STATE, COUNTY OR CITY INSPECTOR OR AGENCY ON REQUEST.
37 FAILURE TO DISPLAY A CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO
38 A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$300.

39 D. THE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED IN
40 THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS:

41 1. COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER.

42 2. APPRENTICE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER.

43 3. TRAINEE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER.

44 E. THE REGISTRAR SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE,
45 INCLUDING RULES THAT SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE APPLICATION FEE, THE
46 CONTENT, FORMAT AND QUALIFYING SCORES OF ANY EXAMINATION, THE AMOUNT OF

1 RENEWAL FEES, CIVIL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE AND
2 PROVISIONS REGARDING RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

3 F. THE REGISTRAR SHALL OFFER EXAMINATIONS AT TIMES AND PLACES
4 PRESCRIBED BY THE REGISTRAR.

5 G. DURING SCHEDULED WORK HOURS, THE REGISTRAR OR THE REGISTRAR'S
6 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MAY ENTER WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE ONTO PUBLIC OR
7 PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING:

8 1. THAT ONLY COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKERS WHO ARE CERTIFIED
9 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE ARE PERFORMING ELECTRICAL WORK.

10 2. WHETHER A CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER IS PRACTICING
11 BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE ELECTRICAL WORKER'S CERTIFICATE.

12 3. WHETHER A CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER HAS VIOLATED
13 ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE.

14 32-1193. Application for certification; requirements

15 TO BE A QUALIFIED APPLICANT FOR A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER
16 CERTIFICATE, A PERSON SHALL APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION ON A FORM PRESCRIBED
17 BY THE REGISTRAR AND SHALL PAY AN APPLICATION FEE IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED
18 BY THE REGISTRAR. THE APPLICATION SHALL INDICATE THE CLASSIFICATION FOR
19 WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE AND SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

20 1. FOR A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF HAVING
21 A MINIMUM OF EIGHT THOUSAND HOURS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN ELECTRICIAN OR OF
22 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING AN APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

23 2. FOR AN APPRENTICE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE,
24 PROOF OF ENROLLMENT IN AN APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

25 3. FOR A TRAINEE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER, PROOF OF HAVING THE
26 QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE REGISTRAR AND AS PRESCRIBED BY RULE.

27 4. PROOF OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF AN EXAMINATION THAT IS
28 APPROVED AND CONDUCTED BY THE REGISTRAR.

29 5. PROOF OF MEETING ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT RELATING TO OBTAINING AND
30 RETAINING AN APPROPRIATE COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE.

31 32-1194. Certification renewal; requirements

32 A. A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR THREE
33 YEARS AND EXPIRES ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPLICANT'S BIRTH MONTH.

34 B. TO RENEW A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WORKER CERTIFICATE, AN
35 APPLICANT SHALL:

36 1. PAY A FEE IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE REGISTRAR.

37 2. SUBMIT SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED AT
38 LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF APPROVED FURTHER ELECTRICAL EDUCATION.

39 3. PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS WORKED IN THE ELECTRICAL
40 INDUSTRY FOR AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND HOURS DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE
41 RENEWAL.

42 C. IF A PERSON FAILS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS
43 SECTION ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
44 APPLICANT'S BIRTH MONTH, THE APPLICANT MUST PASS THE APPROVED COMMERCIAL
45 ELECTRICAL WORKER EXAMINATION BEFORE A NEW CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AND PAY
46 THE INITIAL EXAMINATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY THE REGISTRAR.