

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1099

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-09-02, 43-09-13.1, 43-09-14, 43-09-15.1,
2 and 43-09-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state electrical board and
3 electricians.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **43-09-02. State electrical board - Members - Terms of office - Vacancies.** The
8 state electrical board ~~must consist~~ consists of ~~five~~ six members appointed by the governor for a
9 term of ~~five~~ six years with their terms of office so arranged that one term and only one term
10 expires on June thirtieth of each year. One member of the board shall represent the public and
11 may not be directly associated with the electrical industry. The board must include ~~a master~~
12 ~~electrician who is a contractor~~ two master electricians, one of whom must be a union contractor
13 and one of whom must be a nonunion contractor, a journeyman electrician, a consumer
14 member of a rural electric cooperative, and a person associated with an investor-owned utility.
15 A member of the board ~~shall qualify~~ qualifies by taking the oath of office required of civil officers
16 and shall hold ~~his~~ his office until ~~his~~ a successor is appointed and qualified. The governor shall fill
17 any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term of office.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-09-13.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **43-09-13.1. Apprentice electrician registration.** An apprentice electrician shall
21 register with the state electrical board within the first six months of employment and shall pay
22 an annual registration fee in an amount set by the board. ~~An apprentice electrician may work~~
23 ~~on installations only under the personal supervision of a licensed electrician as provided in~~

~~section 43-09-18.~~ The master electrician employing the apprentice electrician is responsible for all work performed by the apprentice in the course of the apprentice's employment.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 43-09-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-09-14. Master electrician and class B electrician - Undertaking - Fund. Before entering into a contract agreement or undertaking with another for the installation of electrical wiring or installation of electrical parts of other apparatus, a master electrician or a class B electrician shall execute and deposit with the board an undertaking in the sum of three thousand dollars for a master electrician or two thousand dollars for a class B electrician conditioned for the faithful performance of all electrical work undertaken and the strict compliance with all the provisions of this chapter and the requirements of the board. If the master electrician maintains more than one business location in the state, the master electrician shall deposit the required undertaking for each location. In addition, a deposit must be made with the board in the amount of twenty-five dollars by a master electrician and in the amount of fifteen dollars by a class B electrician, in lieu of a surety bond. The deposit so made must be accumulated by the board in a special fund to be used for the completion of installations abandoned by electricians referred to in this section, not to exceed the amount of ~~three thousand dollars for a master electrician and~~ two thousand dollars for a class B electrician. The board shall waive the deposit for a renewal of license by electricians who have made an initial deposit under this section if at the beginning of the renewal year the fund exceeds thirty thousand dollars. Funds in excess of thirty thousand dollars at the end of each year may be committed and used at the direction of the board to inform and educate electricians concerning the requirements of the electrical code. The board may prescribe forms for the undertaking and ~~make~~ adopt rules it deems necessary to carry out the ~~intent~~ provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 43-09-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-09-15.1. Continuing education. ~~After March 31, 1990, each~~ Each applicant for renewal of an electrician's license pursuant to section 43-09-15 must have successfully completed ~~prior thereto at least four hours, and thereafter~~ eight hours each biennium; of continuing education relating to the standards set forth in section 43-09-21 or as otherwise prescribed by the board. The board may not require more than sixteen hours of continuing

1 education in each biennium. The board shall conduct education sessions for licensees each
2 year at not less than six locations throughout the state. Attendance at ~~such~~ the sessions, or
3 attendance at ~~other education~~ sessions conducted by the school of science at Wahpeton and
4 certified and approved by the board ~~as approved~~, fulfills the educational requirements of this
5 section. The board may charge a fee to licensees for attendance at the education sessions ~~at~~
6 in an amount ~~to be~~ determined by the board, but not to exceed ten dollars per person for each
7 session.

8 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-09-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **43-09-18. Apprentice to master electrician.** Any person may serve as an apprentice
11 under a licensed master electrician, ~~but a master electrician may not allow an apprentice to~~
12 ~~work on any installation without personal supervision of a licensed electrician~~ and the master
13 electrician is responsible for all electrical work performed by the apprentice in the course of the
14 apprentice's employment.