

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1218
(Representatives Klein, Ekstrom, Karls)
(Senators Dever, Horne, Robinson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 43-09-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to qualifications of electricians; and to provide for a legislative council study.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-09-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-09-11. Qualifications ~~as to experience~~. An applicant for an electrician's license must have the following experience and training:

1. ~~Master~~ For licensure as a master electrician, an applicant must have completed one year's experience as a licensed journeyman electrician.
2. ~~Journeyman~~ For licensure as a journeyman electrician, ~~four years'~~ an applicant must have:
 - a. Completed eight thousand hours experience in installing and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment, which experience may not be obtained in less than three years.
 - b. Effective for an applicant who registered with the board as an apprentice after January 31, 2008, completed at least one of the following:
 - (1) Successfully completed apprenticeship training approved by the federal bureau of apprenticeship and training and completed eight thousand hours' experience in installing and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment.
 - (2) Successfully completed an appropriate course of study, which may not be less than two years or the equivalent of two years, at a board-approved institution of higher education and completed eight thousand hours' experience in installing and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment. The board may determine equivalent hours of education that may be applied as a credit against the eight thousand hours' experience requirement under this paragraph.
3. ~~Class~~ For licensure as a class B electrician, eighteen months' experience in farmstead or residential wiring.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - LICENSURE OF ELECTRICIANS. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2007-08 interim, the licensure, training, and classroom education requirements for electricians in this state; reciprocity agreements with other states and the effect of those agreements on standards in this state; and the effect of the licensure, training, classroom education requirements, and reciprocity agreements on the availability of qualified electricians in North Dakota. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.