

LEGISLATIVE BILL 605

Approved by the Governor April 8, 1982

Introduced by Koch, 12

AN ACT to amend sections 81-586 and 81-5,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and sections 81-579 and 81-596, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, relating to the State Electrical Act; to change certain provisions relating to license renewal; to prohibit the lending of licenses; to impose a fee; to prohibit a requirement by political subdivisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 81-579, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

81-579. Except as provided in section 81-581, 81-583, or 81-5,113, no person shall, for another, wire for or install electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment unless he or she is licensed by the board as an electrical contractor, master electrician, or journeyman electrician. In addition, no licensed electrical contractor, master electrician, or journeyman electrician may lend his or her license to any person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another.

Sec. 2. That section 81-586, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-586. In addition to the education and experience requirements imposed in sections 81-571 to 81-5,114 and except as otherwise provided in sections 81-587 and 81-588, each applicant shall, prior to issuance of an electrician's license, pass a written examination given by the board to insure his or her competence. Such examination shall contain reasonable questions based upon the then current National Electrical Code and upon electrical theory. When answering questions based upon the National Electrical Code, applicants may refer to an open copy of such code. Examinations shall be given at least twice yearly. No person failing an examination may retake it for six months thereafter, but within such six months he or she may take an examination for a lesser grade of license. Any licensee failing to renew his or her license for--two years-or-more by July 1 after its expiration shall be required to retake the examination before he or she is

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issued a new license.

Sec. 3. That section 81-596, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

81-596. At or before commencement of any installation required to be inspected by the board, the electrical contractor, master electrician, installer, special electrician, or owner making such installation shall submit to the board a request for inspection, on a form prescribed by the board, together with a supervisory fee of fifty cents and the inspection fees required for such installation. If the board becomes aware that a person has failed to file a necessary request for inspection, the board shall send to such person a written notification by certified mail to file such request within fourteen days. Any person filing a late request for inspection shall pay a delinquent fee of fifty dollars. Failure to file such request within fourteen days shall result in submission of the matter to the county attorney's office for action pursuant to section 81-5,113.

Sec. 4. That section 81-5,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-5,100. Any political subdivision may make provision for inspection of electrical installations within its jurisdiction, in which case it shall keep on file with the board copies of its current inspection ordinances or resolutions and codes. No political subdivision shall require any individual, partnership, corporation, or other business association holding a license from the board to (1) pay any license fee or (2) take any examination if the person holds a current license issued by the board which is of a classification equal to or greater than the classification needed to do the work proposed. Any such political subdivision may provide a requirement that each individual, partnership, corporation, railroad, or other business association doing electrical work within the jurisdiction of such political subdivision have on file with the political subdivision a copy of the current license issued by the board or such other evidence of such license as may be provided by the board.

Sec. 5. That original sections 81-586 and 81-5,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and sections 81-579 and 81-596, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, are repealed.