

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 215

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1993

Introduced by Will, 8

AN ACT relating to the State Electrical Act; to amend section 81-2101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 81-2104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992; to require continuing education for electricians; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. That section 81-2101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-2101. Sections 81-2101 to 81-2145 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the State Electrical Act.

Sec. 2. That section 81-2104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992, be amended to read as follows:

81-2104. The board shall have power to:

(1) Elect its own officers;  
 (2) Engage and fix the compensation of such officers, inspectors, and employees as may be required in the performance of its duties;

(3) Pay such other expenses as may be necessary in the performance of its duties;

(4) Provide upon request such additional voluntary inspections and reviews as it deems appropriate;

(5) Adopt, promulgate, and revise rules and regulations necessary to enable it to carry into effect the State Electrical Act. In adopting and promulgating such rules and regulations, the board shall be governed by the minimum standards set forth in the National Electrical Code issued and adopted by the National Fire Protection Association in 1990, Publication Number 70-1990, which code shall be filed in the offices of the Secretary of State and the board and shall be a public record;

(6) Revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any license granted pursuant to the State Electrical Act when the ~~holder of such a license:~~ (a) Violates licensee (a) violates any provision of the act or any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act, † (b) fails or refuses to pay any examination or license renewal fee required by law, † or (c) is an electrical contractor or master electrician and fails or refuses to provide and keep in force a public liability insurance policy as required by the board;

(7) Refuse to renew any license granted pursuant to the act when the licensee fails to submit evidence of completing the continuing education requirements under section 3 of this act;

(8) Provide for the amount and collection of fees for

inspection and other services; and

(8) (9) Adopt a seal, and the executive secretary shall have the care and custody thereof.

Sec. 3. (1) In order to renew a license issued under the State Electrical Act, the licensee shall be required to complete six contact hours of continuing education by January 1, 1995, for renewal on such date and twelve contact hours by January 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter. The continuing education courses shall be approved by the board and may consist of training programs, courses, and seminars by the State Electrical Division or public or private schools, organizations, or associations. The contact hours shall include a minimum of six contact hours studying the National Electrical Code described in section 81-2104, and the remaining contact hours may include study of electrical circuit theory, blueprint reading, transformer and motor theory, electrical circuits and devices, control systems, programmable controllers, and microcomputers or any other study of electrical-related material that is approved by the board. Any additional hours studying the National Electrical Code shall be acceptable. For purposes of this section, a contact hour shall mean fifty minutes of classroom attendance at an approved course under a qualified instructor approved by the board.

(2) An application for approval of the instructor and course offering shall be submitted annually on a form provided by the board at least ninety days in advance of the course offering. The approval by the board of the application shall be valid for one calendar year from the date of approval and shall include the following information:

(a) Name of the sponsoring organization or school, if any, the address of such organization or school, and the name of the contact person;

(b) The instructor's name, address, and telephone number;

(c) The title of the course offering;

(d) A description of all materials to be distributed to the participants;

(e) The date and exact location of each presentation of the course offering;

(f) The duration and time of the offering;

(g) A detailed outline of the subject matter together with the time sequence of each segment, faculty for each segment, and teaching technique used in each segment;

(h) The procedure for measuring attendance; and

(i) A description of the faculty, including name, background, and practical or teaching experience. A complete resume may be furnished.

Any application for approval of the instructor and course offering that is rejected shall be returned to the applicant with specific reasons for such rejection and stating what is needed for approval.

(3) If a continuing education course is approved, the licensee shall retain the attendance certificate and attach it to the application for renewal of his or her license at the time of renewal. The

licensee shall have the responsibility for record keeping and providing proof of attendance at continuing education courses.

(4) The instructor of each course shall provide an individual certificate of attendance to each licensee who attends ninety percent or more of the classroom hours. A certificate of attendance shall not be issued to a licensee who is absent for more than ten percent of the classroom hours. The certificate shall contain the licensee's name and license number, the course title, the date and location of the course, the number of credit hours, and the signature of the instructor.

Sec. 4. That original section 81-2101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 81-2104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1992, are repealed.