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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
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AN ACT

1 Providing for licensure of electrical contractors, electricians,  
2 residential electricians, apprentice electricians and  
3 probationary electricians; establishing the State Board of  
4 Electrical Licensure; providing for powers and duties of the  
5 board; establishing fees, fines and penalties; and making an  
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20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
21 hereby enacts as follows:

22 CHAPTER 1

23 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

24 Section 101. Short title.

25 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Electrical  
26 Services Licensure Act.

27 Section 102. Definitions.

28 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
29 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
30 context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "Board." The State Board of Electrical Licensure established  
2 under section 301(a).

3 "Commissioner." The Commissioner of Professional and  
4 Occupational Affairs within the department.

5 "Conviction." Includes a judgment, an admission of guilt or  
6 a plea of nolo contendere.

7 "Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.

8 "Electrical services." The installation, erection, repair,  
9 removal, maintenance, demolition or alteration of a component of  
10 a premises wiring system as defined in the version of the  
11 National Fire Protection Association 70E Electrical Safety  
12 Standard, or subsequent version adopted under the act of  
13 November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania  
14 Construction Code Act, including work performed on all  
15 components of electrical equipment and systems in buildings and  
16 structures and on premises, on a temporary basis or permanently,  
17 for the generation, transmission, distribution and utilization  
18 of electrical energy. Demolition of a premises wiring system  
19 includes the process of disconnecting, deenergizing premises  
20 wiring systems, or both, to make them safe for general  
21 demolition and removal.

22 "Licensed apprentice electrician." An individual who is  
23 registered as an apprentice under the act of July 14, 1961  
24 (P.L.604, No.304), known as The Apprenticeship and Training Act,  
25 and licensed by the board as an individual whose principal  
26 occupation is learning and assisting in the performance of  
27 electrical services.

28 "Licensed electrical contractor." An individual who is  
29 licensed by the board and engages in the business of contracting  
30 to perform electrical services.

1 "Licensed electrician." An individual who is licensed by the  
2 board and is authorized to perform electrical services.

3 "Licensed residential electrician." An individual who is  
4 licensed by the board and is authorized to perform:

5 (1) Work on projects involving the construction,  
6 alteration or repair of single-family houses or apartment  
7 buildings of no more than four stories in height.

8 (2) Work on incidental items, including site work,  
9 parking areas, utilities, streets, roads and sidewalks at  
10 motels, assisted living facilities, auto dealerships, fast  
11 food restaurants, car washes, gas stations or country clubs  
12 or as part of any job having less than \$10,000 in direct  
13 labor costs.

14 (3) Electrical services under the direct onsite  
15 supervision of a licensed electrician.

16 "Licensee." An individual licensed by the board under this  
17 act.

18 "Premises wiring system." As follows:

19 (1) Interior and exterior wiring, including power,  
20 lighting, control and signal circuit wiring together with all  
21 associated hardware, fittings and wiring devices, both  
22 permanently and temporarily installed, including:

23 (i) Wiring from the service point or power source to  
24 the outlets, including all electrical raceways, cable  
25 assemblies, enclosures, conductors, generation equipment,  
26 utilization/distribution equipment, hangers, supports,  
27 devices and all other parts and components used in  
28 systems to transmit electricity in or on buildings,  
29 structures or on premises, including any class of power  
30 defined in the version of the National Fire Protection

1 Association 70E Electrical Safety Standard, or subsequent  
2 version, adopted under the Pennsylvania Construction Code  
3 Act.

4 (ii) Wiring from and including the power source to  
5 the outlets where there is no service point.

6 (2) Wiring under paragraph (1) does not include wiring  
7 internal to appliances, luminaries, motors, controllers,  
8 motor control centers and similar equipment.

9 "Service point." The point of connection between the  
10 facilities of a serving utility and a premises wiring system.

### 11 CHAPTER 3

#### 12 STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL LICENSURE

13 Section 301. Board.

14 (a) Establishment.--The State Board of Electrical Licensure  
15 is established within the department.

16 (b) Composition.--The board shall consist of the following  
17 members:

18 (1) The commissioner or a designee.

19 (2) Two public members consistent with the requirements  
20 stated in section 813 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
21 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.

22 (3) Eight professional members as follows:

23 (i) Two professional members must be electrical  
24 contractors subject to collective bargaining agreements.

25 (ii) Two professional members must be electrical  
26 contractors not subject to collective bargaining  
27 agreements.

28 (iii) Two professional members must be electricians  
29 subject to collective bargaining agreements.

30 (iv) Two professional members must be electricians

1 not subject to collective bargaining agreements.

2 (c) Meeting.--The board shall meet not later than 30 days  
3 after the appointment of the board's initial members to:

4 (1) Convene its first meeting.

5 (2) Establish procedures for the board's operation and  
6 administration of this act.

7 (3) Develop application forms for licensure.

8 (d) Appointments and term of membership.--Except for the  
9 commissioner or a designee, the following apply to members of  
10 the board:

11 (1) Members shall be appointed by the Governor with the  
12 advice and consent of the Senate.

13 (2) Members must be citizens of the United States and  
14 residents of this Commonwealth.

15 (3) The professional members must have been actively  
16 engaged in providing electrical services in this Commonwealth  
17 for at least 10 years immediately preceding appointment.

18 (4) Except as specified in subsection (e), professional  
19 members must be licensed under this act as an electrical  
20 contractor or electrician.

21 (5) Except as provided in paragraph (6), members shall  
22 serve a term of four years or until a successor has been  
23 appointed and qualified, but in no event longer than six  
24 months beyond the four-year period. In the event that a  
25 member dies or resigns or otherwise is disqualified during  
26 the term of office, a successor shall be appointed in the  
27 same manner and with the same qualifications as the former  
28 member and shall hold office for the remainder of the  
29 unexpired term. A member shall not be eligible to hold more  
30 than two consecutive terms.

1           (6) Members first appointed to the board under this act  
2 shall serve terms of office as follows:

3           (i) Four members shall serve for terms of four  
4 years.

5           (ii) Four members shall serve for terms of three  
6 years.

7           (iii) Two members shall serve for terms of two  
8 years.

9           (e) Professional members and initial appointments.--Not  
10 later than 180 days after the effective date of this subsection,  
11 the Governor shall nominate 10 members to initial terms under  
12 subsection (d)(6). A professional member first appointed to the  
13 board under this act need not be licensed at the time of  
14 appointment but must satisfy eligibility requirements for  
15 licensure as provided in this act.

16          (f) Quorum.--A majority of the maximum number of the  
17 authorized membership of the board, to include at least two  
18 professional members subject to collective bargaining agreements  
19 and two professional members not subject to collective  
20 bargaining agreements, shall constitute a quorum. Except for  
21 temporary and automatic suspensions under section 705, a member  
22 may not be counted as part of a quorum or vote on any issue  
23 unless the member is in attendance at the meeting.

24          (g) Chairperson.--The board shall annually select a  
25 chairperson from among the board's members.

26          (h) Expenses.--With the exception of the commissioner, each  
27 member of the board shall receive a per diem when actually  
28 attending to the work of the board. A member shall also receive  
29 the amount of reasonable travel, hotel and other necessary  
30 expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties in

1 accordance with Commonwealth regulations.

2 (i) Forfeiture.--Except for the commissioner, a member who  
3 fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall forfeit the  
4 member's seat unless the commissioner, upon written request from  
5 the member, finds the member should be excused from a meeting  
6 because of illness, the death of a family member, military  
7 service or another legitimate reason acceptable to the  
8 commissioner.

9 (j) Training seminars.--Except for the commissioner, a  
10 member who fails to attend two consecutive statutorily mandated  
11 training seminars in accordance with section 813(e) of The  
12 Administrative Code of 1929 shall forfeit the member's seat  
13 unless the commissioner, upon written request from the member,  
14 finds that the member should be excused from a meeting because  
15 of illness, the death of a family member, military service or  
16 another legitimate reason acceptable to the commissioner.

17 (k) Frequency of meetings.--The board shall meet at least  
18 four times a year and at other additional times as may be  
19 necessary to conduct the business of the board.

20 Section 302. Powers and duties of board.

21 The board shall have the following powers and duties:

22 (1) Provide for and regulate the licensing of  
23 individuals engaged in the provision of electrical services.

24 (2) Issue, renew, reinstate, refuse to renew, suspend  
25 and revoke licenses as provided for in this act.

26 (3) Administer and enforce this act.

27 (4) Contract with a professional testing organization to  
28 prepare and administer tests to qualified applicants seeking  
29 to be licensed as electrical contractors, electricians or  
30 residential electricians as provided in this act in the

1 manner prescribed for written examinations under section  
2 812.1 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as  
3 The Administrative Code of 1929.

4 (5) Investigate applications for licensure and determine  
5 the eligibility of an individual applying for licensure.

6 (6) Promulgate and enforce regulations consistent with  
7 this act as necessary to administer this act. This paragraph  
8 includes the setting of fees and the amount of professional  
9 liability insurance required by licensed electrical  
10 contractors. Regulations shall be adopted in conformity with  
11 the provisions of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240),  
12 referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law, and the act of  
13 June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory  
14 Review Act.

15 (7) Keep minutes and records of all transactions and  
16 proceedings.

17 (8) Keep and maintain a registry of individuals licensed  
18 by the board. The board shall provide access to the registry  
19 to the public, including making the registry available via  
20 electronic means.

21 (9) Annually submit to the department an estimate of  
22 financial requirements of the board for administrative, legal  
23 and other expenses.

24 (10) Annually submit a report to the Consumer Protection  
25 and Professional Licensure Committee of the Senate and the  
26 Professional Licensure Committee of the House of  
27 Representatives. The report shall include a description of  
28 the types of complaints reviewed, the status of cases, the  
29 action that has been taken and the length of time from  
30 initial complaint to final resolution.



1 or another derivative in connection with the person unless at  
2 least one employee or, if the person is the owner, is  
3 licensed as a licensed electrician, licensed residential  
4 electrician or licensed electrical contractor in accordance  
5 with this act.

6 (c) Title.--A person that holds a license as:

7 (1) A licensed electrical contractor or a licensed  
8 electrical contractor on inactive status under section 506(b)  
9 may use the title "licensed electrical contractor" and the  
10 abbreviation "L.E.C." No other individual, corporation,  
11 partnership, firm or other entity may use the title "licensed  
12 electrical contractor" or the abbreviation "L.E.C."

13 (2) A licensed electrician or a licensed electrician who  
14 is maintained on inactive status under section 506(b) may use  
15 the title "licensed electrician" and the abbreviation "L.E."  
16 No other individual may use the title "licensed electrician"  
17 or the abbreviation "L.E."

18 (3) A licensed residential electrician or a licensed  
19 residential electrician on inactive status under section  
20 506(b) may use the title "licensed residential electrician"  
21 and the abbreviation "L.R.E." No other individual may use the  
22 title "licensed residential electrician" or the abbreviation  
23 "L.R.E."

24 (4) A licensed apprentice electrician or a licensed  
25 apprentice electrician on inactive status under section  
26 506(b) may use the title "licensed apprentice electrician"  
27 and the abbreviation "L.A.E." No other individual may use the  
28 title "licensed apprentice electrician" or the abbreviation  
29 "L.A.E."

30 (d) Apprentice.--An individual who is a licensed apprentice

1 electrician may hold the individual out as being authorized to  
2 provide electrical services if the individual works under the  
3 direct onsite supervision of a licensed electrician, including a  
4 licensed electrical contractor.

5 (e) Responsibility.--A licensed electrical contractor under  
6 a contract for electrical services shall inspect and supervise  
7 electrical services performed by a licensed electrician,  
8 licensed residential electrician or licensed apprentice  
9 electrician employed by the electrical contractor under the  
10 contract.

11 (f) Public notice of licensure.--

12 (1) A licensed electrical contractor shall prominently  
13 display the license number to the public on official  
14 advertisements, contracts and proposals, letterhead and  
15 vehicles and via any other reasonable means determined by the  
16 board.

17 (2) An individual licensed under this act shall be  
18 required to carry proof of licensure at all times while  
19 performing electrical services. Proof of licensure shall be  
20 presented to any code official, emergency responder or law  
21 enforcement official upon request.

22 (3) The manner and means by which the license  
23 information must be displayed and furnished shall be  
24 established by regulation of the board.

25 (g) Prohibited actions by licensed electrical contractors.--  
26 A licensed electrical contractor may not:

27 (1) Use the license to secure construction permits on  
28 behalf of a business entity other than the licensed  
29 electrical contractor's primary employer.

30 (2) Manage or perform electrical work using licensed

1 electrical workers who are not employed by their primary  
2 employer or a subcontractor of their primary employer.

3 (3) Engage in securing construction permits or managing  
4 electrical construction work for more than one business  
5 entity at a time.

6 (h) Exceptions to licensure.--This act shall not apply to,  
7 and a license shall not be required for, the following:

8 (1) The replacement of lamps and fuses.

9 (2) The connection of portable electronic appliances to  
10 permanently installed receptacles.

11 (3) The installation, erection, repair, maintenance,  
12 removal, demolition or alteration of electrical equipment or  
13 electrical systems for generation, transmission, distribution  
14 or utilization of electrical energy in structures,  
15 facilities, buildings or premises owned or operated by a  
16 railway or the Federal Government.

17 (4) Commercial radio and television transmission  
18 equipment.

19 (5) Communications circuits.

20 (6) Community antenna television and radio distribution  
21 systems.

22 (7) Network-powered broadband communications systems.

23 (8) Premises-powered broadband communications systems.

24 (9) Removal of deenergized components of a premises  
25 wiring system during demolition of a structure, facility or  
26 building.

27 (10) The installation, erection, repair, maintenance,  
28 removal, demolition or alteration of electrical equipment  
29 under the exclusive control of an electric distribution  
30 company, as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to

1 definitions), or electrical cooperative corporation,  
2 completed by employees of the electric distribution company  
3 or electrical cooperative corporation, if the equipment:

4 (i) consists of service drops or service laterals  
5 and associated metering;

6 (ii) is located in legally established easements or  
7 rights-of-way designated or recognized by public service  
8 commissions, utility commissions, political subdivisions  
9 or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for the  
10 installations; or

11 (iii) is located on property owned or leased by the  
12 public utility or electrical cooperative corporation for  
13 the purpose of communications, metering, generation,  
14 control, transformation, transmission or distribution of  
15 electrical energy.

16 Section 502. Qualifications.

17 (a) Licensed electrical contractor.--To be eligible for  
18 licensure as a licensed electrical contractor, an applicant must  
19 fulfill the following requirements:

20 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral  
21 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the  
22 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in  
23 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration  
24 of criminal convictions).

25 (2) Be at least 23 years of age.

26 (3) Submit satisfactory proof to the board that the  
27 applicant has:

28 (i) successfully completed a program as a licensed  
29 apprentice electrician;

30 (ii) successfully completed a program recognized by

1 the board that trains individuals to provide electrical  
2 services; or

3 (iii) acquired training and experience equivalent to  
4 programs specified in subparagraph (i) or (ii), as  
5 determined by regulation of the board.

6 (4) Complete the application and pay the fee set by the  
7 board.

8 (5) Pass the examination approved by the board.

9 (6) Submit satisfactory proof to the board that the  
10 applicant has worked at least 10,000 hours in electrical  
11 services.

12 (7) Submit satisfactory proof to the board of the  
13 acquisition of professional liability insurance in an amount  
14 set by the board.

15 (b) Licensed electrician.--To be eligible for licensure as a  
16 licensed electrician, an applicant must:

17 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral  
18 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the  
19 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in  
20 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

21 (2) Be at least 22 years of age.

22 (3) Submit satisfactory proof to the board that the  
23 applicant has:

24 (i) successfully completed an electrical  
25 apprenticeship training program registered under the act  
26 of July 14, 1961 (P.L.604, No.304), known as The  
27 Apprenticeship and Training Act; or

28 (ii) completed at least 8,000 hours as a licensed  
29 residential electrician.

30 (4) Complete the application and pay the fee set by the

1 board.

2 (5) Pass the examination approved by the board.

3 (c) Licensed residential electrician.--To be eligible for  
4 licensure as a licensed residential electrician, an applicant  
5 must:

6 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral  
7 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the  
8 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in  
9 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

10 (2) Be at least 19 years of age.

11 (3) Complete the application and pay the fee set by the  
12 board.

13 (4) Pass the examination approved by the board.

14 (d) Licensed apprentice electrician.--To be eligible for  
15 licensure as a licensed apprentice electrician, an applicant  
16 must:

17 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral  
18 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the  
19 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in  
20 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

21 (2) Be at least 18 years of age.

22 (3) Complete the application and pay the fee set by the  
23 board.

24 (4) Register with the Department of Labor and Industry  
25 as specified in The Apprenticeship and Training Act. The  
26 applicant shall submit proof of current registration to the  
27 board.

28 (e) Renewal of license of licensed apprentice electrician.--

29 (1) In the case of a licensed apprentice electrician  
30 applying for renewal of a license if registration under

1 subsection (d) (4) has expired or otherwise lapsed before the  
2 biennial renewal cycle will expire, the licensed apprentice  
3 electrician shall submit satisfactory evidence to the board  
4 that the licensed apprentice electrician has renewed  
5 registration.

6 (2) Failure to notify the board within 30 days that  
7 registration has expired or otherwise lapsed shall subject  
8 the licensed apprentice electrician to disciplinary action.

9 In the case of a licensed apprentice electrician whose  
10 registration has expired or otherwise lapsed, the license  
11 shall immediately be placed on inactive status by the board.

12 (3) Licensed apprentice electricians shall be limited to  
13 four licensed apprentice electrician biennial renewals.

14 (4) The board shall promulgate regulations in order to  
15 carry out the provisions of this subsection.

16 (f) Licensed probationary electrical worker.--To be eligible  
17 for licensure as a probationary electrical worker, an applicant  
18 must fulfill the following requirements:

19 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral  
20 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the  
21 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in  
22 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

23 (2) Be at least 18 years of age.

24 (3) Complete the application and pay the fee set by the  
25 board.

26 (g) Renewal of license of licensed probationary electrical  
27 worker.--

28 (1) The renewal cycle shall be six months for  
29 individuals licensed as a probationary electrical worker.

30 (2) Licensed probationary electrical workers shall be

1 limited to one renewal of the six-month license. In order to  
2 continue performing electrical work after the renewed license  
3 has expired, the individual must apply and be approved for a  
4 license with a biennial renewal cycle.

5 (3) Failure to notify the board not later than 30 days  
6 after registration has expired or otherwise lapsed shall  
7 subject the licensed probationary electrical worker to  
8 disciplinary action. In the case of a licensed probationary  
9 electrical worker whose registration has expired or otherwise  
10 lapsed, the license shall immediately be placed on inactive  
11 status by the board.

12 (4) The board shall promulgate regulations to carry out  
13 this subsection.

14 (h) Waiver of examination.--Notwithstanding the provisions  
15 of subsections (a) (5), (b) (5) and (c) (4), the board shall grant  
16 a license to an individual applying for a license under this act  
17 without examination if:

18 (1) The individual applies within one year of the  
19 effective date of section 501.

20 (2) The individual meets the requirement of age and  
21 character and pays the required fee.

22 (3) For an individual applying for a license as a  
23 licensed electrician under this subsection, the individual  
24 either:

25 (i) submits proof satisfactory to the board of being  
26 a current holder of an electrician license issued by a  
27 municipality of this Commonwealth, provided that the  
28 licensing requirements of the municipality are not less  
29 restrictive than this act or regulation of the board;

30 (ii) submits proof satisfactory to the board of at

1 least 10,000 hours of prior experience providing  
2 electrical services; or

3 (iii) submits proof satisfactory to the board of  
4 completing an electrical apprenticeship training program  
5 registered under The Apprenticeship and Training Act.

6 (4) For an individual applying for a license as a  
7 licensed residential electrician under this subsection, the  
8 individual either:

9 (i) submits proof satisfactory to the board of being  
10 a current holder of an electrician license issued by a  
11 municipality of this Commonwealth, provided that the  
12 licensing requirements of the municipality are not less  
13 restrictive than this act or regulation of the board;

14 (ii) submits proof satisfactory to the board of at  
15 least 6,000 hours of prior experience providing  
16 residential electrical services; or

17 (iii) submits proof satisfactory to the board of  
18 completing an electrical apprenticeship training program  
19 registered under The Apprenticeship and Training Act.

20 (5) For an individual applying for a license as a  
21 licensed electrical contractor under this subsection, the  
22 individual submits proof satisfactory to the board of  
23 currently holding an electrical contractor license issued by  
24 a municipality of this Commonwealth.

25 (i) Convictions prohibited.--The board may not issue a  
26 license to an individual who has been convicted of a felonious  
27 act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64),  
28 known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic  
29 Act, or convicted of a felony related to a controlled substance  
30 in a court of law of the United States or any other state,

1 territory or country unless:

2 (1) At least 10 years have elapsed from the date of  
3 conviction.

4 (2) The individual satisfactorily demonstrates to the  
5 board that the individual has made significant progress in  
6 personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that  
7 licensure of the individual should not be expected to create  
8 a substantial risk of harm to the health and safety of the  
9 public or a substantial risk of further criminal violations.

10 (3) The individual otherwise satisfies the  
11 qualifications provided in this act. An individual's  
12 statement on the application declaring the absence of a  
13 conviction shall be deemed satisfactory evidence of the  
14 absence of a conviction unless the board has evidence to the  
15 contrary.

16 (j) Change in employment status of licensed electrical  
17 contractor and continuance of business.--In the event of change  
18 in employment status, including death, illness, disability or  
19 change of employer of a licensee who qualified a business as a  
20 licensed electrical contractor, a business entity may continue  
21 to conduct business as a licensed electrical contractor for at  
22 least six months, but not more than one year, following the date  
23 of the licensee's change in employment status as long as the  
24 business is conducted under qualified supervision as the board  
25 deems adequate.

26 Section 503. Continuing education.

27 (a) Regulations.--

28 (1) The board shall adopt, promulgate and enforce rules  
29 and regulations consistent with the provisions of this act  
30 establishing continuing education to be met by individuals

1 licensed as electrical contractors, electricians and  
2 residential electricians under this act. Regulations shall  
3 include any fees necessary for the board to carry out its  
4 responsibilities under this section.

5 (2) The board may waive all or part of the continuing  
6 education requirement for an individual who submits  
7 satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual was  
8 unable to complete the requirement due to illness, emergency,  
9 military service or other hardship.

10 (3) All courses, materials, locations and instructors  
11 shall be approved by the board.

12 (4) No credit may be given for a course in office  
13 management or building a business.

14 (b) Requirement.--Beginning with the licensure period  
15 designated by regulation:

16 (1) An individual applying for renewal of a license as a  
17 licensed electrical contractor must obtain 16 hours of  
18 continuing education during the two calendar years  
19 immediately preceding the application for renewal.

20 (2) An individual applying for renewal of a license as a  
21 licensed electrician or licensed residential electrician must  
22 obtain eight hours of continuing education during the two  
23 calendar years immediately preceding the application for  
24 renewal.

25 Section 504. Liability insurance.

26 (a) Requirement for biennial renewal.--As a condition of  
27 biennial renewal, a business entity qualified as a licensed  
28 electrical contractor shall submit evidence satisfactory to the  
29 board of the acquisition and maintenance of professional  
30 liability insurance in the amount set by the board.

1 (b) Inactive status.--

2 (1) In the case of the insurance being revoked, canceled  
3 or otherwise lapsing, the licensed electrical contractor  
4 shall notify the board in writing within 30 days. In such a  
5 case, the board shall immediately place the license of a  
6 licensed electrical contractor on inactive status.

7 (2) Failure to notify the board in writing within 30  
8 days as required under paragraph (1) shall subject the  
9 licensed electrical contractor to disciplinary action.

10 Section 505. Licensed electrical contractors, electricians and  
11 residential electricians in other states.

12 (a) Reciprocity established.--Subject to subsection (b), the  
13 board may issue a license without examination to an individual  
14 who is licensed as an electrical contractor, electrician or  
15 residential electrician in any other state, territory or  
16 possession of the United States if all of the following  
17 requirements are met:

18 (1) The individual meets the requirements as to  
19 character, age and absence of convictions.

20 (2) The individual completes the application and pays  
21 the required fee.

22 (3) The standards for licensure in the other state,  
23 territory or possession meet or exceed the standards  
24 specified in this act.

25 (b) Requirement.--For an individual to be eligible to apply  
26 for a license as a licensed electrical contractor, licensed  
27 electrician or licensed residential electrician under subsection  
28 (a), the other state, territory or possession of the United  
29 States that licensed the individual must provide an opportunity  
30 for reciprocal licensure which is substantially similar to the

1 opportunity provided by the Commonwealth under this section.

2 (c) Temporary electrician license.--An electrical worker  
3 permanently residing in a jurisdiction outside of the  
4 Commonwealth who does not qualify for immediate reciprocity with  
5 the license in their home jurisdiction shall be permitted to  
6 apply for a temporary license to engage in electrical work while  
7 they are seeking a permanent electrician or residential  
8 electrician license. To be eligible for a temporary electrician  
9 license, an applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

10 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral  
11 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the  
12 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in  
13 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration  
14 of criminal convictions).

15 (2) Be at least 19 years of age.

16 (3) Submit satisfactory proof to the board that the  
17 applicant has done one of the following:

18 (i) Successfully completed an electrical workforce  
19 training program.

20 (ii) Completed at least 8,000 hours of experience  
21 performing electrical work.

22 (4) Complete the application and pay the fee set by the  
23 board.

24 (5) Provide proof that the individual is scheduled to  
25 take the electrician or residential electrician exam approved  
26 by the board within 90 days of the application.

27 (d) Term of temporary license.--

28 (1) The term of a temporary electrician license shall be  
29 at least 90 days and not more than 180 days as determined by  
30 the board.

1           (2) Renewals of temporary electrician licenses shall be  
2 prohibited.

3           (3) Failure to be approved for a permanent electrician  
4 or residential electrician license during the term of the  
5 temporary license shall prohibit the individual from  
6 performing electrical work in this Commonwealth until a  
7 permanent license is approved by the board.

8 Section 506. Duration of license.

9       (a) Duration of license.--

10           (1) Except probationary and temporary licenses, a  
11 license issued under this act shall be issued on a biennial  
12 basis. The biennial expiration date shall be established by  
13 regulation of the board.

14           (2) Application for renewal of a license shall  
15 biennially be forwarded to an individual holding a current  
16 license prior to the expiration date of the current biennium.

17           (3) For individuals applying for licensure or renewal of  
18 licensure as a licensed apprentice electrician, the  
19 application form must indicate whether registration as an  
20 apprentice under the act of July 14, 1961 (P.L.604, No.304),  
21 known as The Apprenticeship and Training Act, has expired or  
22 otherwise lapsed before the biennial renewal cycle will  
23 expire.

24       (b) Inactive status.--

25           (1) An individual licensed under this act may request an  
26 application for inactive status. The application form may be  
27 completed and returned to the board.

28           (2) Upon receipt of an application, the individual shall  
29 be maintained on inactive status without fee and shall be  
30 entitled to apply for a licensure renewal at any time.

1 (3) An individual who requests the board to activate the  
2 individual's license and has been on inactive status shall,  
3 prior to receiving an active license, satisfy the  
4 requirements of the board's regulations regarding continuing  
5 education and remit the required fee.

6 (4) In the case of a licensed apprentice electrician who  
7 is placed on inactive status under section 502(e), the  
8 licensed apprentice electrician shall provide evidence to the  
9 board of renewal of registration before the board may  
10 activate the license.

11 (5) The board shall promulgate regulations to carry out  
12 the provisions of this subsection.

13 Section 507. Reporting of multiple licensure.

14 (a) Duty to report.--A licensee who is licensed in another  
15 state, territory or possession of the United States or another  
16 country shall report this information to the board on the  
17 biennial registration application. Disciplinary action taken in  
18 another state, territory or possession of the United States or  
19 another country shall be reported to the board on the biennial  
20 registration application or within 90 days of final disposition,  
21 whichever is sooner.

22 (b) Notice to other states.--Multiple licensure shall be  
23 noted by the board on the individual's record and the state,  
24 territory or possession of the United States or another country  
25 that licensed the individual shall be notified by the board of  
26 disciplinary action taken against the licensee in this  
27 Commonwealth.

28 CHAPTER 7

29 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

30 Section 701. Fees, fines and civil penalties.

1 (a) Authorities of board.--

2 (1) Fees required under this act shall be fixed by the  
3 board by regulation and shall be subject to the act of June  
4 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review  
5 Act.

6 (2) If the revenues raised by the fees, fines and civil  
7 penalties imposed under this act are insufficient to meet  
8 expenditures over a two-year period, the board shall increase  
9 the fees by regulation so that projected revenues will meet  
10 or exceed projected expenditures.

11 (b) Fee increase.--If the Bureau of Professional and  
12 Occupational Affairs determines that the fees established by the  
13 board under subsection (a) are insufficient to meet the minimum  
14 enforcement efforts required by this act, the Bureau of  
15 Professional and Occupational Affairs, after consultation with  
16 the board and subject to the Regulatory Review Act, shall  
17 increase the fees by regulation in an amount such that adequate  
18 revenues are raised to meet the required enforcement effort.

19 (c) Account.--Fees, fines and civil penalties imposed in  
20 accordance with this act shall be paid into the Professional  
21 Licensure Augmentation Account established under and for use in  
22 accordance with the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.700, No.124), known  
23 as the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Fee Act.

24 (d) Permitted fees.--The board may charge a fee, as set by  
25 the board by regulation, for licensure, for renewing licensure  
26 and for other services of the board as permitted by this act or  
27 by regulation.

28 Section 702. Violations.

29 (a) Criminal penalty.--An individual or the responsible  
30 officer or employee of a corporation, partnership, firm or other

1 entity who violates a provision of this act or a regulation of  
2 the board commits a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall,  
3 upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than  
4 \$2,000 or to imprisonment for not more than six months for the  
5 first violation. For the second and each subsequent conviction,  
6 the person convicted shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not  
7 less than \$2,000 nor more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not  
8 less than six months nor more than one year, or both.

9 (b) Civil penalty.--In addition to any other civil remedy or  
10 criminal penalty provided for in this act, the board by a vote  
11 of the majority of the maximum number of the authorized  
12 membership of the board as provided by law or by a vote of the  
13 majority of the qualified and confirmed membership or a minimum  
14 of five members, whichever is greater, may levy a civil penalty  
15 of up to \$10,000 for any of the following:

16 (1) A licensee who violates a provision of this act or  
17 regulation of the board.

18 (2) An individual who performs or contracts to perform  
19 electrical services in violation of this act.

20 (3) An individual who holds the individual out as  
21 someone authorized to perform electrical services without  
22 being properly licensed as provided for in this act.

23 (4) The responsible officers or employees of a  
24 corporation, partnership, firm or other entity violate a  
25 provision of this act.

26 (c) Procedure.--The board shall levy the civil penalty  
27 specified in subsection (b) only after affording the accused the  
28 opportunity for a hearing as provided for in 2 Pa.C.S. (relating  
29 to administrative law and procedure).

30 Section 703. Suspension, revocation or refusal to issue

1 license.

2 (a) Authority of board.--The board may refuse to issue,  
3 suspend or revoke a license if the board finds:

4 (1) The licensee is negligent or incompetent in the  
5 performance of electrical services.

6 (2) The licensee is unable to perform electrical  
7 services with reasonable skill and safety by reason of mental  
8 or physical illness or condition or physiological or  
9 psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or  
10 narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment  
11 or coordination, as long as the dependence continues. The  
12 following apply:

13 (i) In enforcing this paragraph, the board may, upon  
14 probable cause, compel a licensee to submit to a mental  
15 or physical examination as designated by the board.

16 (ii) After notice, hearing, adjudication and appeal,  
17 failure of a licensee to submit to an examination when  
18 directed shall constitute an admission of the allegations  
19 unless failure is due to circumstances beyond the  
20 licensee's control, consequent upon which a default and  
21 final order may be entered without the taking of  
22 testimony or presentation of evidence.

23 (iii) An individual affected under this paragraph  
24 shall at reasonable intervals be afforded the opportunity  
25 to demonstrate that the individual can resume competent,  
26 safe and skillful performance of electrical services.

27 (3) The licensee has violated a provision of this act or  
28 a regulation of the board.

29 (4) The licensee has committed fraud or deceit in:

30 (i) the performance of electrical services; or

1 (ii) securing licensure.

2 (5) The licensee has been convicted of a felony or a  
3 crime of moral turpitude or been convicted of a misdemeanor  
4 related to providing electrical services or received  
5 probation without verdict, disposition in lieu of trial or an  
6 Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition in the disposition of  
7 felony charges in the courts of this Commonwealth, the United  
8 States, another state, territory or possession of the United  
9 States or another country.

10 (6) The licensee has had the licensee's license to  
11 practice as an electrician, residential electrician or  
12 electrical contractor suspended or revoked or has received  
13 other disciplinary action by the proper licensing authority  
14 in another state, territory or possession of the United  
15 States or another country.

16 (7) With respect to the provision of electrical  
17 services, the licensee has acted in such a manner as to  
18 present an immediate and clear danger to health, safety or  
19 property.

20 (8) The licensed electrical contractor failed to  
21 properly direct and supervise licensed electricians, licensed  
22 residential electricians, licensed apprentice electricians,  
23 licensed probationary electrical workers or licensed  
24 temporary electricians who perform under a contract.

25 (9) In the case of a licensed electrician responsible  
26 for the direct onsite supervision of a licensed apprentice  
27 electrician, licensed residential electrician, licensed  
28 probationary electrical workers or licensed temporary  
29 electricians, the licensed electrician failed to provide the  
30 proper supervision.

1           (10) The licensee possessed, used, acquired or  
2 distributed a controlled substance.

3           (11) The licensee has been guilty of unprofessional  
4 conduct, including departure from or failing to conform to  
5 operating practices or professional standards embraced by the  
6 licensed electricians' and licensed residential electricians'  
7 communities in this Commonwealth and failing to conform to  
8 recognized electrical safety standards, including the  
9 National Electrical Code in effect in this Commonwealth, and  
10 applicable municipal ordinances related to health and safety.  
11 In a proceeding based on this paragraph, actual injury to a  
12 person or damage to property need not be established.

13           (12) The licensee falsely advertised or made misleading,  
14 deceptive, untrue or fraudulent material representations  
15 regarding licensure or in the performance of electrical  
16 services.

17           (13) Unless waived by the board in accordance with  
18 section 503, the licensee failed to satisfy the continuing  
19 education requirements of this act.

20           (14) Any other acts the board deems sufficient to  
21 warrant refusal to issue, suspend or revoke a license.

22           (b) Acts authorized.--If the board finds that a license of  
23 an individual may be refused, suspended or revoked under  
24 subsection (a), the board may:

25           (1) deny the application for the license;

26           (2) impose a fine;

27           (3) administer a public reprimand;

28           (4) suspend, revoke, limit or otherwise restrict the  
29 license;

30           (5) require a licensee to submit to the care, counseling

1 or treatment of a licensed medical professional designated by  
2 the board;

3 (6) suspend enforcement of the board's finding and place  
4 a licensee on probation with the right to vacate the  
5 probationary order for noncompliance; or

6 (7) restore or reissue, at the board's discretion, a  
7 suspended license and impose any disciplinary or corrective  
8 measure which the board might originally have imposed.

9 Section 704. Suspensions and revocations.

10 A suspension or revocation shall be made only in accordance  
11 with the regulations of the board and only by majority vote of  
12 the members of the board after a hearing. An action of the board  
13 shall be taken subject to the right of notice, hearing and  
14 adjudication and the right of appeal, in accordance with the  
15 provisions of 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and  
16 procedure). The board, by majority action and in accordance with  
17 the board's regulations, may reissue a license which has been  
18 suspended. If a license has been revoked, the board shall  
19 reissue a license only in accordance with section 706.

20 Section 705. Temporary and automatic suspensions.

21 (a) Procedure.--

22 (1) A license issued under this act may be temporarily  
23 suspended under circumstances determined by the board to be  
24 an immediate and clear danger to public health, safety or  
25 property. The board shall issue an order of temporary  
26 suspension without a hearing, but upon due notice, to the  
27 licensee concerned at the licensee's last known address,  
28 which shall include a written statement of all allegations  
29 against the licensee. The provisions of section 704 shall not  
30 apply to temporary suspension.

1           (2) The board shall commence formal action to suspend,  
2           revoke or restrict the license of the individual as otherwise  
3           provided for in this act.

4           (3) All actions shall be taken promptly and without  
5           delay.

6           (4) Not later than 30 days after issuance of an order  
7           temporarily suspending a license, the board shall conduct or  
8           cause to be conducted a preliminary hearing to determine if  
9           there is a prima facie case supporting the suspension. The  
10          individual whose license has been temporarily suspended may  
11          be present at the preliminary hearing and may be represented  
12          by counsel, cross-examine witnesses, inspect physical  
13          evidence, call witnesses, offer evidence and testimony and  
14          make a record of the proceedings.

15          (5) If it is determined that there is not a prima facie  
16          case, the suspended license shall be immediately restored.  
17          The temporary suspension shall remain in effect until vacated  
18          by the board, but in no event longer than 180 days.

19          (b) Automatic suspension.--

20           (1) A license issued under this act shall automatically  
21          be suspended upon:

22                   (i) conviction of a felony under the act of April  
23                   14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled  
24                   Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; or

25                   (ii) conviction of an offense under the laws of  
26                   another jurisdiction, which, if committed in this  
27                   Commonwealth, would be a felony under The Controlled  
28                   Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

29           (2) Automatic suspension under this subsection may not  
30          be stayed pending an appeal of a conviction.

1           (3) Restoration of the license shall be made as provided  
2           in the case of revocation or suspension of a license.

3 Section 706. Reinstatement of license.

4           Unless ordered to do so by Commonwealth Court or an appeal  
5           therefrom, the board may not reinstate an individual's license  
6           that has been revoked. An individual whose license has been  
7           revoked may reapply for a license after a period of at least  
8           five years but must meet all of the licensing requirements of  
9           this act.

10 Section 707. Surrender of suspended or revoked license.

11           An individual whose license has been suspended or revoked  
12           under this act shall return the license in such manner as the  
13           board directs. Failure to surrender the license shall be a  
14           misdemeanor of the third degree.

15 Section 708. Injunction.

16           When, in the judgment of the board, a person has engaged in  
17           an act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a  
18           violation of this act, the board or its agents may make  
19           application to the appropriate court for an order enjoining the  
20           act or practice. Upon a showing by the board that the person has  
21           engaged or is about to engage in the act or practice, an  
22           injunction, restraining order or other order as may be  
23           appropriate shall be granted by the court. The remedy of  
24           injunction is in addition to any other civil or criminal  
25           penalty.

26 Section 709. Subpoenas and oaths.

27           (a) Authority granted.--

28                 (1) The board may issue subpoenas, upon application of  
29           an attorney responsible for representing the Commonwealth in  
30           disciplinary matters before the board, for the purpose of

1 investigating alleged violations of this act or regulations  
2 of the board. The board may subpoena witnesses, administer  
3 oaths, examine witnesses and take testimony or compel the  
4 production of books, records, papers and documents as the  
5 board may deem necessary or proper in and pertinent to any  
6 proceeding, investigation or hearing held or had by the  
7 board.

8 (2) The board may apply to Commonwealth Court to enforce  
9 any subpoena of the board.

10 (3) The court may impose limitations in the scope of the  
11 subpoena as is necessary to prevent unnecessary intrusion  
12 into client confidential information.

13 (b) Disciplinary matters.--An attorney authorized to  
14 represent the Commonwealth in disciplinary matters before the  
15 board shall maintain current records of all reported alleged  
16 violations and shall periodically review the records for the  
17 purpose of determining that each alleged violation has been  
18 resolved in a timely manner.

19 Section 710. Municipalities.

20 (a) Municipal license prohibited.--

21 (1) Licensure under this act shall be acceptable to a  
22 municipality in this Commonwealth as proof of competence to  
23 perform electrical services, and a municipality may not  
24 require an individual licensed under this act to obtain an  
25 additional license to perform electrical services.

26 (2) Unless otherwise provided in this act, a local  
27 ordinance or regulation concerning the qualifications,  
28 fitness and competence of individuals to perform electrical  
29 services is preempted and superseded.

30 (b) Certain powers preserved.--Nothing in this act may be

1 construed to prevent a municipality from:

2 (1) levying lawful taxes and fees;

3 (2) requiring the purchase of a business privilege  
4 license that is unrelated to demonstrating competence in the  
5 performance of electrical services;

6 (3) denying or revoking permits for failing to comply  
7 with ordinances that are not inconsistent with this act or  
8 regulation of the board;

9 (4) enforcing ordinances related to health and safety;

10 or

11 (5) under ordinance, inspecting or regulating the manner  
12 in which electrical services are performed.

13 CHAPTER 21

14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15 Section 2101. Appropriation.

16 The sum of \$250,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,  
17 is appropriated from the Professional Licensure Augmentation  
18 Account to the department for the payment of costs associated  
19 with processing licenses and renewing licenses for the operation  
20 of the board and for other costs associated with this act. The  
21 amount of the appropriation shall be repaid by the board within  
22 three years of the beginning of issuance of licenses by the  
23 board.

24 Section 2102. Regulations.

25 Not later than 18 months after the effective date of this  
26 section, the board shall promulgate regulations to administer  
27 this act.

28 Section 2103. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect as follows:

30 (1) Sections 501, 505 and 702 of the act shall take

1 effect in two years.

2 (2) This section shall take effect immediately.

3 (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60  
4 days.