

**HB1119/553099/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1119

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “Apprentice, Journeyperson, and Master Level”; in line 19, after “State” insert “under certain circumstances; establishing a certain licensing exception for a person that provides limited energy services or that is licensed or registered to provide security systems services; establishing certain licensing exceptions for a person who holds a certain license and who is acting within the scope of that license”; and in line 21, after “date;” insert “authorizing a local jurisdiction to continue to issue certain local licenses on or after a certain date under certain circumstances; requiring a local jurisdiction to issue a certain permit under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction to issue a certain permit under certain circumstances;”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “each” and substitute “every other”; and in line 6, after “effective;” insert “requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to work with representatives of the limited energy services industry to study issues relating to a State license for the provision of limited energy services;”.

On page 36, in line 1, strike “**COMMISSION’S**” and substitute “**BOARD’S**”; in line 3, strike “**COMMISSION**” and substitute “**BOARD**”; and in line 18, strike “**COMMISSION**” and substitute “**BOARD**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 5, insert:

**“(J) “LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM” INCLUDES CABLING AND EQUIPMENT FOR VOICE, VIDEO, AUDIO, AND DATA SIGNALS, CLASS TWO OR CLASS THREE CIRCUITS AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, REMOTE**

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CONTROL, SIGNALING, OR POWER-LIMITED CIRCUITS, FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS, OPTICAL FIBER CABLES, COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS, RACEWAYS, COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION AND RADIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, NETWORK-POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, PREMISES-POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, ALARM SYSTEMS, ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS, VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, HOME AUTOMATION AND CONTROL, AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, HEATING FURNACES AND ELECTRICALLY OPERATED AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT THAT REQUIRES NOT MORE THAN 225 VOLTS OR 25 AMPERES OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT, DIGITAL OR ELECTRICAL SIGNAGE, RADIOS, TELEVISIONS, TELEVISION AND RADIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, MOTOR REPAIRS, AND MOTOR SERVICES.”;

in lines 6, 8, 11, 15, and 24, strike “(J)”, “(K)”, “(L)”, “(M)”, and “(N)”, respectively, and substitute “(K)”, “(L)”, “(M)”, “(N)”, and “(P)”, respectively; and after line 23, insert:

“(O) “PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES” MEANS TO DESIGN, INSTALL, ERECT, REPAIR, MAINTAIN, OR ALTER A LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEM.”.

On page 7, before line 12, insert:

“(C) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION REQUIRES A PERSON TO OBTAIN A PERMIT BEFORE PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION:

(1) SHALL ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A PERSON THAT:

(i) WAS LICENSED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; OR

**(II) IS LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES; AND**

**(2) MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO ANY OTHER PERSON THE LOCAL JURISDICTION DETERMINES IS QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES.”;**

and in line 12, strike “(c)” and substitute “**(D)**”.

On page 15, in line 6, strike “or”; and in line 11, after “interest” insert: “;

**(3) A PERSON TO HOLD A STATE LICENSE IF THE PERSON IS:**

**(I) PROVIDING LIMITED ENERGY SERVICES; OR**

**(II) LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 18 OF THIS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES; OR**

**(4) A PERSON TO HOLD A STATE LICENSE IF THE PERSON:**

**(I) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE; OR**

**(II) HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 9A OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE AND IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT LICENSE”.**

On page 54, after line 14, insert:

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“(j) (I) “Limited energy system” includes cabling and equipment for voice, video, audio, and data signals, class two or class three circuits as defined by the National Electrical Code, remote control, signaling, or power-limited circuits, fire alarm systems, optical fiber cables, communication circuits, raceways, community antenna television and radio distribution systems, network-powered broadband communications systems, premises-powered broadband communications systems, alarm systems, access control systems, video surveillance systems, home automation and control, audio visual systems, computer and communications networks, heating furnaces and electrically operated air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment that requires not more than 225 volts or 25 amperes of electrical current, digital or electrical signage, radios, televisions, television and radio distribution systems, motor repairs, and motor services.”;

in lines 15, 17, 19, and 21, strike “[j] (I)”, “[k] (J)”, “[l] (K)”, and “[m] (L)”, respectively, and substitute “[k] (J)”, “[l] (K)”, “[m] (L)”, and “[n] (M)”, respectively; and after line 28, insert:

“(o) (N) “Provide limited energy services” means to design, install, erect, repair, maintain, or alter a limited energy system.”.

On page 55, in line 1, strike “(n)” and substitute “(p)”; after line 7, insert:

“SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall work with representatives of the limited energy services industry to study the need for and feasibility of establishing a State license for the provision of limited energy services.”;

in lines 8, 12, and 14, strike “6.”, “7.”, and “8.”, respectively, and substitute “7.”, “8.”, and “9.”, respectively; and in line 15, strike “7” and substitute “8”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 10, strike the bracket; in the same line, after “regulate” insert “LOCALLY”; in line 12, strike “licenses” and substitute “REGISTRATIONS”; in line 19, after “board” insert “TO:”

**(I) CARRY OUT ITEMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;**

**(II) TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE AUTHORITY OF A REGISTRANT OR PERMIT HOLDER TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN THAT JURISDICTION; AND**

**(III) REPORT ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO THE BOARD;**

strike beginning with “except” in line 20 down through “license” in line 21 and substitute “TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO OBTAIN A LOCAL REGISTRATION OR PERMIT”; in line 23, strike “licensed with” and substitute “REGISTERED WITH OR PERMITTED BY”; strike in its entirety line 24; in lines 25 and 26, strike “(ii)” and “(iii)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively; and in line 25, strike “license” and substitute “REGISTRATION OR PERMIT”.

On pages 6 and 7, strike beginning with the bracket in line 26 on page 6 down through “JURISDICTION” in line 3 on page 7.

On page 7, in line 5, strike “any class of electricians” and substitute “APPRENTICE OR JOURNEYPERSON LEVEL ELECTRICIANS”; in line 8, strike “ON” and substitute “(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ON”; in the same line, after “ANY” insert “APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL ELECTRICIAN”; and after line 11, insert:

**“(II) IF A LOCAL JURISDICTION ISSUES A CLASSIFICATION OF LICENSE THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT ISSUE, THE LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY**

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**CONTINUE TO ISSUE A LOCAL LICENSE FOR THAT CLASSIFICATION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2019.**

On page 13, in line 10, after “LOCAL” insert “**APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL**”.

On page 14, in line 6, strike “ON” and substitute “**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 6-103(B)(2)(II) OF THIS TITLE, ON**”; and in line 8, after the first “LOCAL” insert “**APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL**”.

On page 15, in line 19, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; in line 20, after “YEARS” insert “**IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION**”; in lines 24 and 25, strike “(i)” and “(ii)”, respectively, and substitute “**1.**” and “**2.**”, respectively; in line 25, strike “AND” and substitute “**OR**”; and after line 29, insert:

**“(II) SHALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED OR EMPLOYED IN PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR AT LEAST 7 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF:**

- 1. A MASTER ELECTRICIAN; OR**
- 2. A SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; AND**.

On page 16, strike beginning with “AS” in line 6 down through “**2.**” in line 11, inclusive; and in line 13, strike “**3.**” and substitute “**2.**”.

On page 18, in line 26, after “local” insert “**APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, OR MASTER LEVEL**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 36, in line 9, after “EACH” insert “EVEN-NUMBERED”; and in line 10, strike “\$100,000” and substitute “10% OF THE ACTUAL EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE BOARD”.