

HOUSE BILL 1262 - AMENDMENT

FOR the purpose of altering the powers and duties of the State Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the State Board of Electricians; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to form a workgroup to ~~adopt~~ provide draft legislation ~~regulations~~ necessary for the regulation and licensing of ~~low-voltage electricians~~ limited energy integrators if certain legislation is not enacted on or before a certain date; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local jurisdictions from issuing certain licenses; replacing local electrician licenses with local electrician registrations; authorizing local jurisdictions that issued certain licenses before a certain date to issue registrations under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain local jurisdiction, beginning on a certain date, from registering a master-level, journeyman-level, or apprentice-level electrician unless it administers certain examinations and registers certain information with the State Board; requiring certain local jurisdictions to report certain information to the Department on or before a certain date each year; allowing a local jurisdiction to take certain actions against certain licensees under certain circumstances; requiring certain local jurisdictions to administer a certain examination in a certain manner; requiring each county and each municipal corporation to enforce certain provisions of law and adopt certain regulations or require certain State licenses under certain circumstances; altering certain licensing and examination requirements; repealing a certain provision of law stating that certain provisions of law do not require certain individuals to hold a State license; altering certain reciprocity requirements for certain individuals authorized to provide electrical services in other states; establishing certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the State Board to waive certain examination requirements and certain experience requirements for certain licensees in certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which the State Board may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license; authorizing the State Board to set certain fees; providing for the construction of a certain provision of law; requiring a master electrician to display certain information in a certain manner; requiring a licensee to give the State Board certain notice of a change in certain information; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions without a license; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; requiring the State Board to provide a certain notice to each local board in the State; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the State Board of Electricians and the licensing and regulation of electricians.

6-101.

“Limited energy integrator” means an individual who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to provide limited energy services on the load side of a transformer, which is connected directly by a licensed electrician or by plugging into an existing receptacle. Voltage of such load side of a transformer shall not to exceed 100 Volts Alternating Current or Volts Direct Current unless listed to prevent hazards to life and property. Installation shall be in a manner that complies with applicable plans, specifications, codes, or laws.

6-104.

If the state has not enacted legislation establishing a licensing program for individuals who provide or assist in providing ~~low voltage electrical~~ limited energy services on or before July 1, 2024, the ~~Department~~ General Assembly shall, on or before December 1, 2024, ~~adopt regulations~~ consider legislation necessary for the regulation and licensing of ~~low voltage electricians~~ limited energy integrators as prescribed by the following workgroup.

On or before July 1, 2021, the Department shall convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on the licensing, regulation, and qualifications for individuals who provide limited energy integrator services in the state.

The workgroup shall include:

(1) a representative of the Department;

(2) a representative from an electrician licensing authority in a local government;

(3) a state or locally licensed electrician with varying years of experience;

(4) an electrical inspector;

(5) 4 limited energy integrators;

(6) a representative of an association that represents the integrator community.

(7) a representative of a manufacturer of integration equipment.

On or before December 1, 2021, the Department shall, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, submit a copy of legislation approved by a majority of the workgroup to the General Assembly on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup convened under this section.