

AN ACT

relating to training and continuing education for licensed electrical apprentices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1305.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-b) to read as follows:

(1-b) "Apprenticeship training program" means an electrical training program that is:

(A) recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

(B) registered with the United States Department of Labor; or

(C) a competency-based standardized craft training program that meets the training program standards of the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

SECTION 2. Section 1305.102, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The commission may adopt rules regarding the registration of apprenticeship training programs and to require registered programs to report the names of persons enrolled in the programs.

SECTION 3. Section 1305.168, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1 (b) Continuing education courses that satisfy the
2 requirements of Subsection (a) [~~this section~~] must address safety,
3 the National Electrical Code, as adopted under Section 1305.101,
4 and state laws and rules that regulate the conduct of license
5 holders under this chapter.

6 (b-1) To renew an electrical apprentice license, a license
7 holder who is not enrolled in an apprenticeship training program
8 must complete four hours of continuing education annually.
9 Continuing education courses that satisfy the requirements of this
10 subsection must address safety, the National Electrical Code, as
11 adopted under Section 1305.101, and state laws and rules that
12 regulate the conduct of license holders under this chapter.

13 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
14 renewal of an electrical apprentice license that expires on or
15 after September 1, 2010. A license that expires before September 1,
16 2010, is governed by the law in effect on the date the license was
17 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 470 passed the Senate on March 25, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 470 passed the House, with amendment, on May 19, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 3, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor