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Introduced by Senator Rogers

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 119

AN ACT to amend 1956 PA 217, entitled "An act to safeguard persons and property; to provide for licensing and regulation of electricians and electrical contractors concerning the construction, alteration, installation of electrical wiring and equipment and for the inspection of electrical wiring; to create an electrical administrative board; to create certain committees for certain purposes; to provide certain powers and duties for certain departments; to provide for the assessment of certain fees and for the promulgation of rules; and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act," by amending section 3 (MCL 338.883), as amended by 1992 PA 130.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 3. (1) The board shall grant licenses and certificates to qualified applicants, issue orders and promulgate rules necessary for the enforcement and administration of this act, and enforce and administer this act. The rules shall be promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(2) The examination fee for licensure of the following is \$25.00:

- (a) Master electrician.
- (b) Electrical contractor.
- (c) Electrical journeyman.
- (d) Fire alarm contractor.
- (e) Fire alarm specialty technician.
- (f) Sign specialty contractor.
- (g) Sign specialist.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (9), the fee for initial licensure, apprentice electrician registration, or renewal of a license relating to electricians is as follows:

(a) Electrical contractor	\$75.00
(b) Master electrician.....	25.00
(c) Electrical journeyman.....	20.00
(d) Apprentice electrician	5.00

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (9), the fee for initial fire alarm specialty licensure, fire alarm specialty apprentice technician registration, or renewal of a fire alarm specialty license is as follows:

(a) Fire alarm contractor	\$75.00
(b) Fire alarm specialty technician.....	25.00
(c) Fire alarm specialty apprentice technician.....	5.00

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (9), the fee for initial sign specialty licensure or renewal of a sign specialty license is as follows:

- (a) Sign specialty contractor..... \$40.00
- (b) Sign specialist 20.00

(6) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (9), a license issued under this act expires on December 31 of each year and is renewable not more than 60 days after that date upon application and payment of the appropriate fee as described in subsection (3), (4), or (5).

(7) An apprentice electrician or specialty apprentice technician registration expires on August 31 of each year and is renewable within 30 days after that date upon payment of a \$10.00 renewal fee. An applicant shall submit proof of a sponsoring employer for initial or renewal registration.

(8) After March 1 of each year or after March 1 of the renewal year in the case of electrical contractors, fire alarm contractors, and sign specialty contractors, a license not renewed is void and may be reinstated only upon application for reinstatement and payment of the appropriate license fee for the appropriate class.

(9) Beginning January 1, 1998, the license for an electrical contractor, fire alarm contractor, and sign specialty contractor expires December 31, 2000, and on December 31 every third year thereafter. The license for an electrical contractor, fire alarm contractor, and sign specialty contractor is renewable not later than March 1, 2001, and on March 1 every third year thereafter upon application and payment of \$200.00 by electrical contractors and fire alarm contractors and application and payment of \$120.00 by sign specialty contractors. In the case of a person applying for an initial or reinstatement contractor's license at a time other than between December 31 and March 1 of the year in which the department issues renewal licenses, the department shall compute and charge the 3-year license fee described in this subsection on a yearly pro rata basis beginning in the year of the application until the last year of the 3-year license cycle.

(10) The board shall provide for an examination to be given to an applicant seeking licensure under this act for a specific class of license. The board and department of consumer and industry services, acting jointly, may develop an examination or contract for the use of an examination developed by another governmental subdivision or any other entity including, but not limited to, the national assessment institute, which the department of consumer and industry services and the board, acting jointly, review and determine is designed to test the qualifications and competency of applicants seeking licensure under this act.

(11) The examination for electrical journeymen and master electricians shall include, but not be limited to, questions designed to test an individual's knowledge of this act, any rules promulgated under this act, the state construction code act of 1972, and any code adopted pursuant to section 4 of that act and any code adopted pursuant to section 8 of that act as well as the theory relative to those codes. In the case of the examination for an electrical contractor's license, the examination shall include, but not be limited to, questions designed to test an individual's knowledge of this act, any rules promulgated under this act, the state construction code act of 1972, and the administration and enforcement procedures of any code adopted pursuant to section 8 or 9 of that act.

(12) The board shall provide for an examination to be given to an applicant seeking fire alarm specialty licensure under this act. The examinations for fire alarm specialty licensure shall include questions designed to test an individual's knowledge of this act, any rules promulgated under this act, and the state construction code act of 1972, as relating to fire alarm systems. The board and department of consumer and industry services, acting jointly, may require, as a condition for licensure, certification of the applicant in the field of fire alarm systems technology by the national institution for certification in engineering technology or equivalent as determined by the board.

(13) The board shall provide for an examination to be given to an applicant seeking sign specialty licensure under this act. The examinations for sign specialty licensure shall include, but not be limited to, questions designed to test an individual's knowledge of this act and any rules promulgated under this act relating to electric signs and applicable sections of the code.

(14) Examinations shall be offered at locations throughout the state as determined by the board. The department of consumer and industry services in consultation with the board may designate a person to give the examination at any location. Copies of examinations developed by a governmental subdivision shall be presented for board approval and shall remain the property of the governmental subdivision and shall be returned to that governmental subdivision without having been copied or reproduced in any manner.

(15) The department of consumer and industry services shall annually submit to the members of the legislature a comprehensive report detailing the expenditure of the additional money resulting from the 1989 amendatory act that increased the fees contained in this section.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved _____

Governor.