

**SKILLED TRADES REGULATION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 407 of 2016**

**339.5729 Sign specialist's license; issuance; failure to pass examination; condition of renewal; license not required.**

Sec. 729.

(1) The department shall issue a sign specialist's license to an individual who meets all of the following:

(a) Is at least 18 years old.

(b) Meets the requirements described in article 2.

(c) Has at least 4,000 hours of experience, obtained over a period of at least 2 years, related to the manufacture, installation, maintenance, connection, or repair of electric signs and related wiring, as verified by a contractor that is licensed under this article that is the current employer of the applicant. The individual may obtain the hours of experience required under this subdivision from multiple employers; and if the board determines that he or she has completed education that is equivalent to the work experience described in this subdivision, the department shall credit the number of hours of equivalent education that the individual completed, as determined by the board, toward the hours of experience required under this subdivision.

(d) Demonstrates the successful completion of a course concerning the installation, maintenance, connection, or repair of electric signs and related wiring as contained in the sign electrician's workbook published by the American Technical Publishers, Inc. or any other course designed to address the installation, maintenance, connection, or repair of electric signs and related wiring, as approved by the board.

(2) If an applicant fails to pass the sign specialist examination 2 times within a period of 2 years, the applicant is ineligible to sit for another examination until he or she presents to the board proof of the successful completion of a course on the Michigan electrical code and electrical fundamentals approved by the board.

(3) As a condition of renewal of a sign specialist's license, the sign specialist must demonstrate the successful completion of a course, approved by the board, concerning any update or change in applicable sections of the state construction code within 12 months after the update or change in that code. This requirement applies only during or after those years that the state construction code is updated or changed.

(4) A licensed master electrician, journeyman electrician, or apprentice electrician is not required to hold a sign specialist's license to perform those work activities.

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