



Synopsis of HF 897-Statewide Licensing for Electricians

Important Provisions of Statewide Licensing:

- **Effective Dates:** The board establishment takes effect immediately. The inspections portion of the licensing takes effect on January 1, 2009. The other portions of the bill take effect January 1, 2008.
- **Licensing Levels:**
 - **Master**
 - Class A – May become a Class A Master after having one year of experience as a Class A or B Journeyman, and passed an examination. (Anyone with a city license right now can be grandfathered as a Class A)
 - Class B – Anyone who has worked as a master electrician since 1990. A Class B electrician can become a Class A electrician by successfully passing an exam.
 - **Journey Person**
 - Class A – Completed apprenticeship program and passed an examination. (Anyone with a city license right now can be grandfathered as a Class A)
 - Class B – Anyone who has worked as a journeyman since 1990. A Class B Journeyman can become a Class A journeyman by successfully passing an exam.
 - **Apprentice**
 - Must be registered with a DOL approved apprentice program.
 - Apprenticeship is limited to six years, unless extended by the board due to hardship.
 - Must be supervised while on the job.
 - **Unclassified Persons**
 - Must be supervised at all times while on the job.
 - Contractors must maintain records to show they are in compliance.
 - After 100 continuous days as an unclassified person, they must receive an unclassified person license.
- License issued every three years.
- **Continuing education:** Must have eighteen hours over three years to renew the license. Six of those hours must be spent studying the NEC, the remaining hours can be spent doing hands-on activities. Additional hours spent studying the code is acceptable.
- The state license will supersede the current city licenses. Cities that currently do their inspections can choose to continue doing inspections and collect fees.
- The legislation provides for the board to set up reciprocal licensing with other states.
- The bill includes penalties for violating the chapter or committing fraud.
- Ratios in the legislation are set at 3 to 1. However, cities that currently have different ratios can continue requiring electricians to use those ratios. If a city would like to have a ratio different than 3 to 1 they can petition the board.