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SYNOPSIS

Exempts licensed master plumbers from certain electrical contractor business permit requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the exemption of licensed master plumbers
2 from certain electrical contractor business permit requirements
3 and amending P.L.1962 c.162.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 18 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-18) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 18. Electrical work or construction which is performed on the
11 following facilities or which is by or for the following agencies
12 shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting so
13 as to require the securing of a business permit under this act:

14 (a) Minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps and
15 fuses.

16 (b) The connection of portable electrical appliances to suitable
17 permanently installed receptacles.

18 (c) The testing, servicing or repairing of electrical equipment or
19 apparatus.

20 (d) Electrical work in mines, on ships, railway cars, elevators,
21 escalators or automotive equipment.

22 (e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-
23 13, organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and
24 operating works for the generation, supplying, transmission and
25 distribution of electricity for electric light, heat, or power.

26 (f) A public utility subject to regulation, supervision or control
27 by a federal regulatory body, or a public utility operating under the
28 authority granted by the State of New Jersey, and engaged in the
29 furnishing of communication or signal service, or both, to a public
30 utility, or to the public, as an integral part of a communication or
31 signal system, and any agency associated or affiliated with any
32 public utility and engaged in research and development in the
33 communications field.

34 (g) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions as a utility
35 and located in or on buildings or premises used exclusively by such
36 an agency.

37 (h) Commercial radio and television transmission equipment.

38 (i) Construction by any branch of the federal government.

39 (j) Any work with a potential of less than 10 volts.

40 (k) Repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises
41 occupied by a firm or corporation, and installation work on
42 premises occupied by a firm or corporation and performed by a
43 regular employee who is a Class A journeyman electrician licensed
44 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1).

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (l) Installation, repair or maintenance performed by regular
2 employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school
3 district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State,
4 a municipality, county, or school district; provided that a regular
5 employee of the State, municipality, county or school district
6 performing this work is a Class A journeyman electrician licensed
7 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2001, c.21 (C.45:5A-11.1), or holds any
8 civil service title with a job description which includes electrical
9 work pursuant to the "Civil Service Act," N.J.S.11A:1-1 et seq., or
10 regulations adopted pursuant thereto, or any employee of a State
11 authority who has completed an apprenticeship training program
12 approved by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
13 Apprenticeship Training, that deals specifically with electrical
14 work, and is of a minimum duration of three years.

15 Any regular employee of the State, or of a municipality, county
16 or school district who has submitted his application to the board for
17 licensure as a Class A journeyman electrician shall be permitted to
18 continue to perform work pursuant to this subsection until such time
19 as the board acts upon his application. Any applicant whose
20 licensure application is not approved by the board shall no longer
21 be permitted to perform electrical work pursuant to this subsection.

22 (m) The maintaining, installing or connecting of automatic oil,
23 gas or coal burning equipment, gasoline or diesel oil dispensing
24 equipment and the lighting in connection therewith to a supply of
25 adequate size at the load side of the distribution board, or the
26 replacement of an electric water heater with one of similar size and
27 voltage not to exceed 240 volts or less with a disconnecting means
28 at the load side of the distribution board or service disconnect
29 located within sight of the equipment, or for the replacement of a
30 service disconnect and whip serving a replacement air conditioning
31 condensing unit not exceeding 240 volts or less with one of a
32 similar size and voltage requirements.

33 (n) Work performed by a person on a dwelling that is occupied
34 solely as a residence for himself or for a member or members of his
35 immediate family.

36 (o) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.305).

37 (p) Any work performed by a landscape irrigation contractor
38 which has the potential of not more than 30 volts involving the
39 installation, servicing, or maintenance of a landscape irrigation
40 system as this term is defined by section 2 of this amendatory and
41 supplementary act. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to exempt
42 work covered by this subsection from inspection required by the
43 "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217
44 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

45 (q) Any work performed by a person certified pursuant to
46 sections 1 through 10 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25n through
47 C.52:27D-25w) that is not branch circuit wiring. For the purposes
48 of this subsection, "branch circuit wiring" means the circuit

1 conductors between the final overcurrent device protecting the
2 circuit and one or more outlets. A certificate holder shall be
3 deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the
4 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the
5 provisions of this subsection.

6 (r) Any work performed by an alarm business, as that term is
7 defined by section 2 of P.L.1985, c.289 (C.45:5A-18.1), licensed
8 pursuant to P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-23 et seq.) that is not branch
9 circuit wiring. For the purposes of this subsection, "branch circuit
10 wiring" means the circuit conductors between the final overcurrent
11 device protecting the circuit and one or more outlets. A licensee
12 shall be deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the
13 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the
14 provisions of this subsection.

15 The board may also exempt from the business permit provisions
16 of this act such other electrical activities of like character which in
17 the board's opinion warrant exclusion from the provisions of this
18 act.

19 (cf: P.L.2021, c.479, s.10)

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21 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
22 next following the date of enactment, and shall apply to contracts
23 initiated for services on or after the effective date of this act.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill exempts licensed master plumbers in the State from
29 certain business permit requirements under the law governing
30 electrical contractors concerning certain electric water heaters and
31 air conditioning units. Electric water heaters are among the most
32 common types of water heaters in New Jersey and the United
33 States, and are increasing in popularity due to their cost and energy
34 efficiency. Electric air conditioning condensing units are also very
35 popular appliances.

36 Licensed master plumbers in New Jersey possess the skills and
37 training necessary to replace these appliances, but under current law
38 these plumbers would need to hold a New Jersey master
39 electrician's license to perform such work. By exempting licensed
40 New Jersey master plumbers from needing a business permit from
41 the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, this bill frees
42 those plumbers to perform additional tasks. This less burdensome
43 requirement will provide costs savings to customers by increasing
44 competition for plumbing services and plumbers by removing a
45 costly and unnecessary regulatory requirement.