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Development

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to establishing
voluntary licensing of master electricians

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article
2 28-F to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 28-F
4 LICENSING OF MASTER ELECTRICIANS

5 SECTION 491. DEFINITIONS.

6 492. LICENSE; MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

7 493. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

8 S 491. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
9 REQUIRES OTHERWISE:

10 1. "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MASTER ELECTRICIANS ESTAB-
11 LISHED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 2. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

13 3. "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

14 S 492. LICENSE; MASTER ELECTRICIAN. 1. ANY PERSON WHO IS AN ELECTRI-
15 CIAN IN THIS STATE MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR A LICENSE AS A MASTER
16 ELECTRICIAN. SUCH A LICENSE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
17 ENGAGING IN THE PROFESSION OF BEING A MASTER ELECTRICIAN. HOWEVER, SUCH
18 LICENSE SHALL BE INDICATIVE THAT THE HOLDER THEREOF HAS MET THE STAND-
19 ARDS FOR TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO BE A MASTER
20 ELECTRICIAN, AND ALSO AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER THEREOF TO ENGAGE IN THE
21 PROFESSION OF BEING A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN ANY OTHER STATE WHICH GRANTS

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 RECIPROCITY TO ELECTRICIANS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. FURTHER-
2 MORE, EVERY PERSON LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED
3 TO PRACTICE AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN THROUGHOUT THE STATE, NOTWITHSTAND-
4 ING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL CITY LAW AND THE COUNTY LAW.

5 2. ANY ELECTRICIAN WISHING TO BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
6 SHALL:

7 (A) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THEREFOR TO THE SECRETARY IN SUCH FORM AND
8 MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY AND CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS
9 THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND
10 FITNESS FOR LICENSING OF THE APPLICANT;

11 (B) SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD; AND

12 (C) COMPLETE AN EXAMINATION ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

13 3. EVERY PERSON WHO SUCCESSFULLY PASSES THE EXAMINATION ESTABLISHED BY
14 THE BOARD AND COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS
15 SECTION SHALL BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

16 4. EVERY LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL REMAIN IN
17 EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, AND MAY BE RENEWED FOR ADDITIONAL TWO
18 YEAR PERIODS UPON SUBMISSION OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION AND THE APPLICA-
19 TION FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

20 S 493. BOARD OF EXAMINERS. 1. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE
21 DEPARTMENT A BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MASTER ELECTRICIANS. SUCH BOARD
22 SHALL CONSIST OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS: THE SECRETARY, OR HIS OR
23 HER DESIGNEE; FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; FOUR MEMBERS
24 APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND FOUR MEMBERS
25 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY. THE APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL BE
26 BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PROFESSION OF BEING A
27 MASTER ELECTRICIAN. EACH APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE
28 APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. ANY MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR
29 ADDITIONAL TERMS. THE STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SERVE AS AN ADDI-
30 TIONAL NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR.

31 2. THE BOARD SHALL MEET NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES A YEAR.

32 3. THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:

33 (A) THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF BEING A MASTER ELECTRICIAN;

34 (B) QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN;

35 (C) AN EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE THE KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR
36 A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; AND

37 (D) FEES FOR LICENSES AND RENEWALS THEREOF PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

38 4. THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ACT
39 AS SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, AND SHALL PROVIDE SUCH BOARD WITH SUCH STENO-
40 GRAPHIC OR OTHER ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

41 5. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE
42 ENTITLED TO ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVELING AND OTHER EXPENSES WHILE
43 ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH MEMBER'S DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS
44 ARTICLE.

45 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
46 it shall have become a law. Provided that any rules and regulations
47 necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date
48 are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.