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SENATE BILL 17-247

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

Business, Labor, & Technology

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTRICIANS, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALLOWING ONLY PERSONS WHO HAVE
103 PASSED THE WRITTEN RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN'S EXAMINATION
104 TO ACT AS RESIDENTIAL INSPECTORS AND WAIVING THE
105 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT DURING THE FIRST
106 LICENSE PERIOD FOR AN ELECTRICIAN WHO PASSED THE
107 APPROPRIATE WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

Section 1 of the bill waives the continuing education requirement, otherwise applicable upon every renewal or reinstatement of an electrician's license, for the first renewal or reinstatement of the license of an electrician who passed the appropriate written examination in connection with his or her initial license application.

Section 2 repeals an existing provision allowing the hiring of inspectors of 1- to 4-family dwellings who have specified certifications and experience but may not have passed Colorado's written residential wireman's examination.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-106, **amend**
3 (4)(d)(II) as follows:

4 **12-23-106. License requirements - rules - repeal.**

5 (4) (d) (II) (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
6 (4)(d)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, on or after January 1, 2018, the department
7 shall not renew or reinstate a license unless the applicant has completed
8 twenty-four hours of continuing education since the date of issuance of
9 the applicant's initial license or, if the applicant's license was renewed or
10 reinstated, the most recent renewal or reinstatement.

11 (B) SUBSECTION (4)(d)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY
12 TO THE FIRST RENEWAL OR REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE FOR WHICH, AS
13 A CONDITION OF ISSUANCE, THE APPLICANT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A
14 LICENSING EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS
15 SECTION.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-115, **amend**
17 (1)(a)(I) as follows:

18 **12-23-115. Inspectors - qualifications.** (1) (a) (I) The director
19 of the division of professions and occupations is hereby authorized to
20 appoint or employ, with the power of removal, competent persons

1 licensed under this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 23 as journeymen or master
2 electricians as state electrical inspectors. The division director is also
3 authorized to appoint or employ, with the power of removal, for the
4 purpose of inspecting one-, two-, three-, or four-family dwellings,
5 competent persons ~~with the following qualifications:~~

6 ~~(A) Persons who have passed the written residential wireman's~~
7 ~~examination described in section 12-23-106. or~~

8 ~~(B) Persons who have been certified as residential electrical~~
9 ~~inspectors by a national certification authority approved by the board and~~
10 ~~who have furnished satisfactory evidence of at least two years' practical~~
11 ~~experience in the electrical inspection of residential dwellings.~~

12 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
15 general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,
16 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
20 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to licenses renewed or reinstated on or after
23 the applicable effective date of this act.