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SENATE BILL 19-156

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	A BILL FOR AN ACT			
101	CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD,			
102	AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE			
103	RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2018 SUNSET REPORT			
104	BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.			

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/.)

Sunset Process - Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the state electrical

board by:

- ! Continuing the functions of the board for 13 years, until 2032 (sections 1 and 2 of the bill);
- ! Repealing the limitations on the fees that local jurisdictions may charge (sections 7 and 8);
- ! Clarifying that cables and systems utilized for conveying power are not exempt from regulation when they are part of a building's electrical system (section 7);
- ! Defining "direct supervision", with regard to the oversight of apprentices, and "supervision" of electrical work (sections 3, 6, and 9);
- ! Repealing the requirement that the board notify an applicant that he or she is qualified to take a licensure examination (section 5);
- ! Directing the governor to consider that at least one of the 4 members of the board who must be a master or journeyman electrician should be an electrician who works primarily in the residential sector (section 4);
- ! Clarifying that traffic signals are exempt from regulation (section 7);
- ! Repealing redundant language regarding an inspection exemption and obsolete language regarding providing copies of the electrical code and standards (section 7); and
- ! Subjecting to regulation the alteration of existing facilities that are otherwise exempt from regulation (section 7).

Sections 10 through 17 make conforming amendments to harmonize the bill with House Bill 19-1172, the bill to recodify and reorganize title 12.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**

(16)(a)(V); and **add** (33) as follows:

4 24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies

5 and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative

declaration - repeal. (16) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,

7 will repeal on July 1, 2019:

8 (V) The state electrical board created in article 23 of title 12,

9 C.R.S.:

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1	(33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are
2	SCHEDULED FOR REPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2032:
3	(I) The state electrical board created in article 23 of
4	TITLE 12.
5	(b) This subsection (33) is repealed, effective September 1,
6	2034.
7	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-23-102.5
8	as follows:
9	12-23-102.5. Repeal of article. This article ARTICLE 23 is
10	repealed, effective July 1, 2019. Prior to such SEPTEMBER 1, 2032.
11	BEFORE THE repeal, the state electrical board, including provisions
12	relating to qualified state institutions of higher education, shall be
13	reviewed as provided for in is scheduled for review in accordance
14	WITH section 24-34-104. C.R.S.
15	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-101, amend
16	the introductory portion and (1.2); and add (1.1) and (6) as follows:
17	12-23-101. Definitions. As used in this article ARTICLE 23, unless
18	the context otherwise requires:
19	(1.1) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD CREATED IN
20	SECTION 12-23-102.
21	(1.2) "Board" means the state electrical board "DIRECT
22	SUPERVISION" MEANS THAT THE SUPERVISING LICENSED MASTER
23	ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, OR RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN IS
24	PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE SAME PHYSICAL ADDRESS WHERE THE
25	APPRENTICE IS WORKING.
26	(6) "SUPERVISION" MEANS THE MANAGEMENT OF A PROJECT TO
27	ENSURE THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT IS DONE CORRECTLY AND

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1	ACCORDING TO THE LAW.
2	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-102, amend
3	(1) introductory portion as follows:
4	12-23-102. State electrical board. (1) There is hereby
5	established a state electrical board, which shall consist CONSISTS of nine
6	members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, who
7	shall MUST be residents of the state of Colorado. THE GOVERNOR SHALL
8	STRONGLY CONSIDER APPOINTING AN ELECTRICIAN WHO WORKS
9	PRIMARILY IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTOR TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOUR
10	SEATS ALLOTTED TO MASTER OR JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS PURSUANT
11	TO SUBSECTION $(1)(a)$ OR $(1)(b)$ OF THIS SECTION. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF
12	THE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
13	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-106, amend
14	(1)(b) as follows:
15	12-23-106. License requirements - rules. (1) Master
16	electrician. (b) Each applicant for a license as a master electrician shall
17	MUST file an application on forms prepared and furnished by the board,
18	together with the application fee provided in section 12-23-112 (1). The
19	board shall notify each applicant that the evidence submitted with the
20	application is sufficient to qualify the applicant to take the written
21	examination FOR LICENSURE or that the evidence is insufficient and the
22	application is rejected. In the event that IF the application is rejected, the
23	board shall set forth the reasons for the rejection in the notice to the
24	applicant.
25	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-110.5, amend
26	(1), (2), and (3)(b) as follows:
27	12-23-110.5. Apprentices - supervision - registration -

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discipline. (1) Any person may work as an apprentice but shall not do any electrical wiring for the installation of electrical apparatus or equipment for light, heat, or power except under the DIRECT supervision of a licensed electrician. The degree of supervision required shall be no more than one A licensed electrician to SHALL NOT DIRECTLY supervise no more than three apprentices at the A job site.

- (2) Any AN electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, master electrician, or residential wireman who is the employer or DIRECT supervisor of any electrical apprentice working at the trade shall be IS responsible for the work performed by such THE apprentice. The board may take disciplinary action against any such THE contractor, or any such electrician, or residential wireman under the provisions of section 12-23-118 for any improper work performed by an electrical apprentice working at the trade during the time of his employment while EMPLOYED BY AND under the DIRECT supervision of such THAT person. The registration of such THE apprentice may also be subject to disciplinary action under the provisions of section 12-23-118.
- (3) (b) Such AN apprentice shall MUST be under the DIRECT supervision of either a licensed electrician or a residential wireman as set forth in subsection (1) of this section.
- SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-111, amend (3), (4), (17)(a) introductory portion, (17)(a)(II), and (20); repeal (14); and add (25) as follows:
 - **12-23-111. Exemptions.** (3) (a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require any ARTICLE 23 REQUIRES A regular employee of any A firm or corporation to hold a license before doing any electrical work on the property of such THE firm or corporation, whether or not such THE

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property is owned, leased, or rented if:

- 2 (I) The firm or corporation employing any THE employee 3 performing such THE work has all such THE electrical work installed in 4 conformity with the minimum standards as set forth in this article and all 5 such ARTICLE 23;
 - (II) THE work is subject to inspection by the board or its inspectors by request in writing in accordance with subsection (14) of this section SECTION 12-23-116; and if
 - (III) The property of any such THE firm or corporation is not generally open to the public.
 - (b) No Neither A license for such the firm or corporation, nor AN inspection by the board or its inspectors, nor the payment of any fees thereon shall be required, with the exception of inspection by the board or its inspectors when performed by written request. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to require any ARTICLE 23 REQUIRES A license, any AN inspection by the board or its inspectors, or the payment of any fees for any electrical work performed for the maintenance OR repair or alteration of existing facilities which shall be that are exempt as provided in this section.
 - (4) If the property of any person, firm, or corporation is: Rental property or is developed for sale, lease, or rental; or is occupied or is to be occupied by tenants for lodging, either transient or permanent; or is generally open to the public, then such THE property of any such person, firm, or corporation shall be IS subject to all the provisions of this article ARTICLE 23 pertaining to inspection and licensing; except for THAT the maintenance OR repair or alteration of existing facilities which shall be exempt as provided in this section PROPERTY SPECIFIED IN THIS

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SUBSECTION (4) IS NOT SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE 23.

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(14) Nothing in this article shall be construed to exempt any electrical work from inspection under the provisions of this article except that which is specifically exempted in this article, and nothing in this article shall be construed to exempt any electrical work from inspection by the board or its inspectors upon order of the board or from any required corrections connected therewith. However, no fees or charges may be charged for any such inspection except as set forth in this article, unless request for inspection has been made to the board or its inspectors in writing, in which case, unless otherwise covered in this article, the actual expenses of the board and its inspectors of the inspection involved shall be charged by and be paid to the board. The board is directed to make available and mail minimum standards pertaining to specific electrical installations on request and to charge a fee for the same, such fee not to exceed the actual cost involved, and in no case more than one dollar. Requests for copies of the national electrical code shall be filled when available, costs thereof not to exceed the actual cost to the board.

- (17) (a) The permit and inspection provisions of this article shall ARTICLE 23 DO not apply to:
- (II) Load control devices for electrical hot water heaters that are owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of, and are operated by, an electric utility, and are on the load side of the single-family residential meter, if such THE equipment was installed by a registered electrical contractor. The contractor will notify appropriate local authorities that the work has been completed in order that an inspection may be made at the expense of the utility company. The applicable permit fee imposed by the local authorities shall not exceed ten dollars.

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1	(20) (a) EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT A COMMUNICATION	
2	SYSTEM'S CABLES AND SYSTEMS UTILIZED FOR CONVEYING POWER ARE	
3	PART OF A BUILDING'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, nothing in this article ARTICLE	
4	23 shall be construed to cover the installation, maintenance, repair, or	
5	alteration of communications systems, including:	
6	(I) Telephone and telegraph systems not exempted as utilities in	
7	subsection (1) of this section;	
8	(II) Radio and television receiving and transmitting equipment	
9	and stations; and	
10	(III) Antenna systems other than community antenna television	
11	systems beyond the terminals of the controllers.	
12	(b) Furthermore, The contractors performing any installation,	
13	maintenance, repair, or alteration under this THE exemption or SPECIFIED	
14	IN THIS SUBSECTION (20) AND their employees shall ARE not be covered	
15	by the licensing requirements of this article ARTICLE 23.	
16	(25) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 23 APPLIES TO THE INSTALLATION,	
17	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR ALTERATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS OR REQUIRES	
18	LICENSURE FOR THAT WORK.	
19	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-117, amend	
20	(2) as follows:	
21	12-23-117. Permit fees. (2) Because electrical inspections are	
22	matters of statewide concern, the maximum fees, established annually,	
23	chargeable for electrical inspections by any city, town, county, city and	
24	county, or qualified state institution of higher education shall not be more	
25	than fifteen percent above those provided for in this section, and no such	
26	local government or qualified state institution of higher education shall	
27	impose or collect any other fee or charge related to electrical inspections	

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or permits. A qualified state institution of higher education may choose not to require fees as part of the permitting process. A documented permitting and inspection system must be instituted by Each qualified state institution of higher education SHALL INSTITUTE A DOCUMENTED PERMITTING AND INSPECTION SYSTEM as a tracking system that is available to the board for the purpose of investigating any alleged violation of this article ARTICLE 23. The permitting and inspection system must include information specifying the project, the name of the inspector, the date of the inspection, the job site address, the scope of the project, the type of the inspection, the result of the inspection, the reason and applicable code sections for partially passed or failed inspections, and the names of the contractors on the project who THAT are subject to inspection. **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-118, amend

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(1) introductory portion and (1)(j) as follows:

12-23-118. Violations - citations - settlement agreements hearings - fines. (1) The board may deny, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or issue a letter of admonition in regard to any license or registration issued or applied for under the provisions of this article ARTICLE 23, may place a licensee or registrant on probation, or may issue a citation to a licensee, registrant, or applicant for licensure for any of the following reasons:

(j) Failure of a master electrician who is charged with supervising all electrical work performed by a contractor pursuant to section 12-23-106 (5)(c) to adequately supervise such THE work or failure of any licensee to adequately DIRECTLY supervise an apprentice who is working at the trade pursuant to section 12-23-110.5;

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1	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-103, add as
2	relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (2.5) and (12) as follows:
3	12-115-103. Definitions. As used in this article 115, unless the
4	context otherwise requires:
5	(2.5) "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS THAT THE SUPERVISING
6	LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, OR
7	RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE SAME PHYSICAL
8	ADDRESS WHERE THE APPRENTICE IS WORKING.
9	(12) "SUPERVISION" MEANS THE MANAGEMENT OF A PROJECT TO
10	ENSURE THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT IS DONE CORRECTLY AND
11	ACCORDING TO THE LAW.
12	SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-104, amend
13	as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1) introductory portion as follows:
14	12-115-104. State electrical board. (1) There is hereby
15	established a state electrical board, which shall consist CONSISTS of the
16	following nine members appointed by the governor, with the consent of
17	the senate, who shall MUST be residents of the state of Colorado. THE
18	GOVERNOR SHALL STRONGLY CONSIDER APPOINTING AN ELECTRICIAN WHO
19	WORKS PRIMARILY IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTOR TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE
20	FOUR SEATS ALLOTTED TO MASTER OR JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS
21	PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OR (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE
22	QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
23	SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend as relocated
24	by House Bill 19-1172 12-115-105 as follows:
25	12-115-105. Repeal of article. This article 115 is repealed,
26	effective July 1, 2019 SEPTEMBER 1, 2032. Before the repeal, the state
27	electrical board, including provisions relating to qualified state

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1 institutions of higher education, is scheduled for review in accordance 2 with section 24-34-104. 3 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-110, amend 4 as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1)(b) as follows: 5 12-115-110. License requirements - rules - continuing 6 **education.** (1) **Master electrician.** (b) Each applicant for a license as 7 a master electrician shall MUST file an application on forms prepared and 8 furnished by the board, together with the application fee provided in 9 section 12-115-117 (1). The board shall notify each applicant that the 10 evidence submitted with the application is sufficient to qualify the 11 applicant to take the written examination FOR LICENSURE or that the 12 evidence is insufficient and the application is rejected. In the event that 13 IF the application is rejected, the board shall set forth the reasons for the 14 rejection in the notice to the applicant. 15 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-115, amend 16 **as relocated by House Bill 19-1172** (1), (2), and (3)(b) as follows: 17 12-115-115. Apprentices - supervision - registration -18 **discipline.** (1) Any person may work as an apprentice but shall not do 19 any electrical wiring for the installation of electrical apparatus or 20 equipment for light, heat, or power except under the DIRECT supervision 21 of a licensed electrician. The degree of supervision required shall be no 22 more than one A licensed electrician to SHALL NOT DIRECTLY supervise 23 no more than three apprentices at the A job site. 24 (2) Any AN electrical contractor, journeyman electrician, master 25 electrician, or residential wireman who is the employer or DIRECT 26 supervisor of any electrical apprentice working at the trade shall be IS 27 responsible for the work performed by the apprentice. The board may take

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1	disciplinary action against the contractor, electrician, or residential
2	wireman under the provisions of section 12-115-122 for any improper
3	work performed by an electrical apprentice working at the trade during
4	the time of his or her employment while EMPLOYED BY AND under the
5	DIRECT supervision of the THAT person. The registration of the apprentice
6	may also be subject to disciplinary action under the provisions of section
7	12-115-122.
8	(3) (b) The AN apprentice shall MUST be under the DIRECT
9	supervision of either a licensed electrician or a residential wireman as set
10	forth in subsection (1) of this section.
11	SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-116, amend
12	as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (3), (4), (14)(a) introductory portion,
13	(14)(a)(II), and (15)(c); repeal as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (11);
14	and add as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (16) as follows:
15	12-115-116. Exemptions - definition. (3) (a) Nothing in this
16	article 115 shall be construed to require any REQUIRES A regular employee
17	of any A firm or corporation to hold a license before doing any electrical
18	work on the property of the firm or corporation, whether or not the
19	property is owned, leased, or rented if:
20	(I) The firm or corporation employing any THE employee
21	performing the work has all such THE electrical work installed in
22	conformity with the minimum standards as set forth in this article 115;
23	and all such
24	(II) THE work is subject to inspection by the board or its
25	inspectors by request in writing in accordance with subsection (11) of this
26	section SECTION 12-115-120; and if
27	(III) The property of any such THE firm or corporation is not

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generally open to the public.

- (b) No Neither A license for the firm or corporation, nor AN inspection by the board or its inspectors, nor the payment of any fees thereon shall be required, with the exception of inspection by the board or its inspectors when performed by written request. Nothing contained in this article 115 shall be construed to require any REQUIRES A license, any AN inspection by the board or its inspectors, or the payment of any fees for any electrical work performed for THE maintenance OR repair or alteration of existing facilities which shall be THAT ARE exempt as provided in this section.
- (4) If the property of any person, firm, or corporation is: Rental property or is developed for sale, lease, or rental, or is occupied or is to be occupied by tenants for lodging, either transient or permanent; or is generally open to the public, then the property of any such person, firm, or corporation shall be IS subject to all the provisions of this article 115 pertaining to inspection and licensing; except for THAT the maintenance OR repair or alteration of existing facilities, which shall be exempt as provided in this section PROPERTY SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS NOT SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE 115.
- (11) Nothing in this article 115 shall be construed to exempt any electrical work from inspection under the provisions of this article 115 except that which is specifically exempted in this article 115, and nothing in this article 115 shall be construed to exempt any electrical work from inspection by the board or its inspectors upon order of the board or from any required corrections connected therewith. However, no fees or charges may be charged for any such inspection except as set forth in this article 115, unless request for inspection has been made to the board or

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its inspectors in writing, in which case, unless otherwise covered in this article 115, the actual expenses of the board and its inspectors of the inspection involved shall be charged by and be paid to the board. The board is directed to make available and mail minimum standards pertaining to specific electrical installations on request and to charge a fee for the same, the fee not to exceed the actual cost involved, and in no case more than one dollar. Requests for copies of the national electrical code shall be filled when available, costs thereof not to exceed the actual cost to the board.

- (14) (a) The permit and inspection provisions of this article 115 shall DO not apply to:
- (II) Load control devices for electrical hot water heaters that are owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of, and are operated by, an electric utility, and are on the load side of the single-family residential meter, if the equipment was installed by a registered electrical contractor. The contractor will notify appropriate local authorities that the work has been completed in order that an inspection may be made at the expense of the utility company. The applicable permit fee imposed by the local authorities shall not exceed ten dollars.
 - (15) Nothing in this article 115 shall be construed to:
- (c) (I) EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM'S CABLES AND SYSTEMS UTILIZED FOR CONVEYING POWER ARE PART OF A BUILDING'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, cover the installation, maintenance, repair, or alteration of communications systems, including:
 - (A) Telephone and telegraph systems not exempted as utilities in subsection (1) of this section;
 - (B) Radio and television receiving and transmitting equipment

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- (C) Antenna systems other than community antenna television systems beyond the terminals of the controllers.
- (II) Furthermore, The contractors performing any installation, maintenance, repair, or alteration under this THE exemption or SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (15)(c) AND their employees shall ARE not be covered by the licensing requirements of this article 115.
- 8 (16) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 115 APPLIES TO THE INSTALLATION,
 9 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR ALTERATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS OR REQUIRES
 10 LICENSURE FOR THAT WORK.

SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-121, amend as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (2) as follows:

12-115-121. Inspection fees. (2) Because electrical inspections are matters of statewide concern, the maximum fees, established annually, chargeable for electrical inspections by any city, town, county, city and county, or qualified state institution of higher education shall not be more than fifteen percent above those provided for in this section, and no such local government or qualified state institution of higher education shall impose or collect any other fee or charge related to electrical inspections or permits. A qualified state institution of higher education may choose not to require fees as part of the permitting process. A documented permitting and inspection system must be instituted by Each qualified state institution of higher education SHALL INSTITUTE A DOCUMENTED PERMITTING AND INSPECTION SYSTEM as a tracking system that is available to the board for the purpose of investigating any alleged violation of this article 115. The permitting and inspection system must include information specifying the project, the name of the inspector, the

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1	date of the inspection, the job site address, the scope of the project, the
2	type of the inspection, the result of the inspection, the reason and
3	applicable code sections for partially passed or failed inspections, and the
4	names of the contractors on the project who THAT are subject to
5	inspection.
6	SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-122, amend
7	as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1)(j) as follows:
8	12-115-122. Violations - citations - settlement agreements -
9	hearings - fines - rules. (1) The board may take disciplinary or other
10	action as authorized by section 12-20-404 in regard to any license or
11	registration issued or applied for under the provisions of this article 115
12	or may issue a citation to a licensee, registrant, or applicant for licensure
13	for any of the following reasons:
14	(j) Failure of a master electrician who is charged with supervising
15	all electrical work performed by a contractor pursuant to section
16	12-115-110 (5)(c) to adequately supervise the work or failure of any
17	licensee to adequately DIRECTLY supervise an apprentice who is working
18	at the trade pursuant to section 12-115-115;
19	SECTION 18. Effective date - applicability. (1) This act:
20	(a) Takes effect July 1, 2019; except that sections 10 through 17
21	of this act take effect only if House Bill 19-1172 becomes law, in which
22	case sections 10 through 17 take effect October 1, 2019; and
23	(b) Applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
24	effective date of this act.
25	SECTION 19. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
26	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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