

CHAPTER 104

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

SENATE BILL 01-172

BY SENATOR(S) Chlouber, Fitz-Gerald, Hanna, Hernandez, Nichol, and Phillips;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Miller, Coleman, Kester, and Weddig.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS BY THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Repeal. 24-34-104 (30) (b) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (30) (b) The following boards in the division of registrations shall terminate July 1, 2001:

(III) ~~The state electrical board, created by article 23 of title 12, C.R.S.~~

SECTION 2. 24-34-104 (41), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (41) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July 1, 2010:

(i) THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD, CREATED BY ARTICLE 23 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

SECTION 3. 12-23-102.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12-23-102.5. Repeal of article. This article is repealed, effective July 1, 2001. Prior to such repeal, the state electrical board shall be reviewed as provided for in section 24-34-104, C.R.S.

SECTION 4. 12-23-104 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

12-23-104. Oath - meetings - powers. (1) (a) The board, annually in the month of July, shall elect from the membership thereof a president AND vice-president. ~~and secretary-treasurer.~~ The board shall meet at least once a month and at such other times as it deems necessary.

SECTION 5. Repeal. 12-23-104 (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

12-23-104. Oath - meetings - powers. (2) In addition to all other powers and duties conferred or imposed upon the board by this article, the board is authorized to:

(b) ~~Adopt a seal, and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof;~~

SECTION 6. 12-23-106 (2) (a) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

12-23-106. License requirements. (2) (a) An applicant for a journeyman electrician's license shall furnish written evidence that ~~he~~ THE APPLICANT has had at least four years' apprenticeship in the electrical trade or four years' practical experience in wiring for, installing, and repairing electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, and power and shall further establish that at least two of such years' experience has been in commercial, ~~or~~ industrial, OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR work.

(b) Any applicant for such license shall be permitted to substitute for required practical experience evidence of academic training OR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE in the electrical field, which shall be credited as follows:

(I) If ~~he~~ THE APPLICANT is a graduate electrical engineer of an accredited college or university or the graduate of a community college or trade school program approved by the board, ~~he~~ THE APPLICANT shall receive one year of work experience credit.

(II) If ~~he~~ THE APPLICANT has academic training, including military training, ~~which is THAT DOES not sufficient to~~ qualify under subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b), the board shall provide work experience credit for such training ~~according to a uniform ratio~~ OR FOR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TRAINING established by rule. ~~and regulation.~~

SECTION 7. 12-23-106.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12-23-106.5. Credit for experience not subject to supervision of a licensed electrician. For all applicants seeking work experience credit toward licensure, the board shall give credit for electrical work that is not required to be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed electrician if the applicant can show that the particular experience received or the supervision under which the work has been performed is adequate. ~~Work experience credit awarded under this section shall not exceed one-half of the applicable experience requirement for any license issued under this article.~~

SECTION 8. 12-23-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12-23-109. License by endorsement or reciprocity. The board ~~may~~ SHALL issue an electrical license by endorsement in this state to any person who is licensed to practice in another jurisdiction if such person presents proof satisfactory to the board that, at the time of application for a Colorado license by endorsement, the person possesses credentials and qualifications that are substantially equivalent to requirements in Colorado for licensure. The board shall issue an electrical license by reciprocity where a reciprocal agreement for an equivalent license exists, pursuant to section 12-23-104 (2) (j), between the board and the electrical board, or its equivalent, of the state or states where the applicant is licensed. The board may specify by rule ~~and regulation~~ what shall constitute substantially equivalent credentials and qualifications.

SECTION 9. 12-23-118 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

12-23-118. Violations - citations - settlement agreements - hearings - fines.
(1) The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license or registration issued or applied for under the provisions of this article, 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:

(m) PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD DURING AN INVESTIGATION WITH THE INTENT TO DECEIVE OR MISLEAD THE BOARD.

SECTION 10. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 30, 2001