
SENATE BILL 5578

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By Senators A. Smith, Moore, Murray, Skratek, McMullen and Sutherland.

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1 AN ACT Relating to continuing education requirements for
2 electricians; and amending RCW 19.28.550.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.550 and 1986 c 156 s 14 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall issue a certificate of competency to all
7 applicants who have passed the examination provided in RCW 19.28.540,
8 and who have complied with RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 and the
9 rules adopted under this chapter. The certificate shall bear the date
10 of issuance, and shall expire on the holder's birthdate two years
11 immediately following the date of issuance. The certificate shall be
12 renewed every two years, upon application, on or before the holder's
13 birthdate. A fee shall be assessed for each certificate and for each
14 annual renewal.

1 (2) If the certificate holder demonstrates to the department that
2 he or she has satisfactorily completed an annual eight-hour continuing
3 education course, the certificate may be renewed without examination by
4 appropriate application unless the certificate has been revoked,
5 suspended, or not renewed within ninety days after the expiration date.

6 (a) The contents and requirements for satisfactory completion of
7 the continuing education course shall be determined by the director and
8 approved by the board.

9 (b) The department shall accept proof of a certificate holder's
10 satisfactory completion of a continuing education course offered in
11 another state as meeting the requirements for maintaining a current
12 Washington state certificate of competency if the department is
13 satisfied the course is comparable in nature to that required in
14 Washington state for maintaining a current certificate of competency.

15 (c) If a person holds a Washington state certificate of competency
16 that is not current due to out-of-state or foreign work assignments in
17 the electrical trades, the director shall issue a temporary current
18 certificate of competency to the holder for a reasonable period of time
19 necessary to satisfactorily complete a continuing education course.

20 (3) If the certificate is not renewed before the expiration date,
21 the individual shall pay twice the usual fee. The department shall set
22 the fees by rule for issuance and renewal of a certificate of
23 competency. The fees shall cover but not exceed the costs of issuing
24 the certificates and of administering and enforcing the electrician
25 certification requirements of this chapter.

26 (4) The certificates of competency and temporary permits provided
27 for in this chapter grant the holder the right to work in the
28 electrical construction trade as a journeyman electrician or specialty
29 electrician in accordance with their provisions throughout the state
30 and within any of its political subdivisions without additional proof

1 of competency or any other license, permit, or fee to engage in such
2 work.